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* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	17th ,,
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M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	10th ,,
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W. L. HARVEY,
Municipal Commissioner, for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices, Bombay, 15th January, 1900.

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

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IN AID OF THE
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BRIGADIER-GENERAL F. VENTRIS,
COMMANDING THE DISTRICT.

PROGRAMME.
PART I.
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SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY in 2nd FOFULWADY LANE, ON THE BHOOLESHWAR ROAD.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 p.m. Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of Gordhundas Radhakissondas, the transferee of the mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor Vithaldas Ramdas, in pursuance of the power of sale given in the indenture of mortgage, dated the 10th day of May, 1893, and made between the said Vithaldas Ramdas of the one part, and Gowindram Dwarkadas of the other part, the following landed property, viz.:—

All that piece of Goverment land, admeasuring 436 and six-ninths square yards or thereabouts, together with the buildings, tenements, dwelling-houses and cook-room standing thereon, situate in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, in the second Fofulwady Lane, on the Bhooleshwar Road, without the Fort, assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue, under old Nos. 536, 536, new Nos. 2604, 2606, old Survey No. 60, and new Survey No. 533, and Municipal Ward No. 5270 to 5278 and Street No. (2) (1) 9 Fofulwady, and bounded on the east, partly by the property of Castoorbai, widow of Doolabh Jaadish, partly by the said Fofulwady Lane, and partly by the property of Purshotum Chintaman and others, on the west by the property formerly of Sadashiv Wishwanath Dhurandhar, and now of Vithaldas Ramdas and Tricumdas Ramdas, on the north by the property of Tribhowandas Jadowji, and on the south by the property of Mrs. Rose Maria Esperance, and partly by the property of Castoorbai, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of Krishnarao Bhaoo and others, and are now in the occupation of the said Vithaldas Ramdas.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned.

SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY IN NEW HANUMAN LANE IN THE GULLY CALLED PATAKWADY.

Under instructions from the mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of the heirs and legal representatives of the late Lakshmibai, widow of Hari Anajee Teli, the deceased mortgagor, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in an indenture of mortgage dated the 27th day of May, 1896, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant at 4 p.m., sell the under-mentioned property, by Public Auction on the premises:—

All that piece or parcel of pension and tax land or ground, together with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house and premises standing thereon, situate, lying, and being on the eastern side of the New Hanuman Lane in the Gully called Patakwady, without the Fort, in the Island and registration sub-district of Bombay, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue, under old No. 117, new No. 515, old Survey No. 4-1183, and new Survey No. 1702, assessed by the Collector of Municipal Taxes under C Ward No. 1146, and Street Nos. 33 to 43, containing by admeasurement 74 Feet in breadth or thereabouts, and 88½ feet in length or thereabouts, making about 422 square yards and two-ninths of a square yard, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on the east by the house of Ganoo Gopal, on the west by the said Hanuman Lane or public passage, on the north by the sweeper's passage and on the south by a passage, and which said hereditaments, messsuage, and premises were formerly in the occupation of the said Luxmibai and her tenants and are now in the occupation partly of the tenants of the vendor, and partly by Gitabai, wife of Hariba Dhondiba.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply either to the undersigned or to Mr. Minocheher Ardeshir Vakil, attorney for the mortgagee at his office at Watson's Buildings, No. 3, Church Gate Street, Fort, Bombay.

GRAND AUCTION SALE OF JAPANESE CURIOSITIES, FIGURES, LEATHER GOODS, AND AMERICAN PLATEDWARE.

On FRIDAY, the 19th inst, at 2 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Church Gate Street, Fort, in Mr. Watson's Building, a large collection of Japanese curiosities, such as gold and silk embroidered bed and pillow covers, flower vases, flower pots, garden pots, and hanging baskets, folding screens, enamelled bronze vases, paper lanterns, platedware, suitable for hotel and messes from American manufacturers, figures, travelling dressing-bags, with fittings, timepieces, &c.

The property is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at No. 1, Elphinstone Circle (top floor), Fort, the valuable and handsome french-polished blackwood and teakwood, household furniture, best platedware, Mahogany case of spoons and forks, crockery and glassware, mahogany square pianoforte by Schiedmayer and Soehne, Stuttgart, in good order, Rose's cottage pianoforte, rich table ornaments, Parian figures, pictures, valuable books, hanging lamps, Marion fullplate camera by Marion Instantaneous Camera, &c., the property of Mrs. SARA POOLE.

Catalogues will be published, and the property is on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SUNDAY, the 21st instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Chinchpoogly (Tramway Line), in Sir Tharia Topun's bungalow, by order of the concerned, valuable and neat dining drawing, and bedroom furniture of the latest design, glassware and crockery from Whiteaway and Laidlaw, plated ware, Ditmar's lamps, Brussels carpet, square piano by Schiedmayer, American organ, brass bedstead, mirror, almyras, pictures, table ornaments, Agra built Victoria Singer's bicycle in good order &c.

Catalogues will be published, and the property is on view.

Under instructions from the Administrator General Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m., the effects of the late Mr. George S. Deradamian, consisting of diamond and ruby rings, gold and silver coins, Canadian gold chain with locket, scarf pin, silver card case and brooches, wearing apparel, silver mounted walking stick, Chubb's brass padlocks, gold spectacles, despatch box, &c.

The effects of the late Hajee Goolamali Hajee Abdul—consisting of chairs, benches, boxes, clocks, clothes, crockery glassware, copper and brass utensils, coffee roasting and grounding machines, scales, &c.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at No. 123, Frere Road, opposite the European General Hospital, handsome and substantial teak and blackwood household furniture, such as tables, chairs, sofas, cabinet, chiffonier, sideboard, easy chairs, bedsteads, almiras, cupboards, etc., the property of G. D. BURTON, Esqr., leaving Bombay.

The property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SUNDAY, the 28th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Tardeo, next to Post Office, handsome blackwood open carved household furniture, such as sofas, marble top, pier, side and round tables, pictures, rich wall chandeliers. French brass clock with music books, English-made stylish brougham by Silk and Son, London, stylish victoria made to order, China Garden seats, &c., the property of Mrs. CAVASJI JEHANGIR JASAWALA.

The property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

On TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 p.m., Messers. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Elphinstone Circle, opposite Messrs. Kemp & Co., the office and household furniture of Messrs. Mansfield & Sons, consisting of office tables, chairs, glass cupboards and book cases, pigeonhole press, large shelves, lamps, clock, plan chest of drawers drawing table, screw, almira, dressing and wash-hand tables, etc.

The property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

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SUIT No. 683 OF 1896.

THOMAS HENRY MOORE and another, formerly carrying on business together in Copartnership in Bombay under the name and firm of Thomas Henry Moore and Company......Plaintiffs.

VERSUS.

HUSSONBHAI MOOLJI and SOOLEMANBHAI MOOLJI carrying on business together in Co-partnership under the same and firm of Hussonbhai Sulleman and Company ....Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Final DECREE made in the above Suit and bearing date the 2nd day of March, 1899, the following immoveable property will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on TUESDAY the 6th day of February, 1900, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

PARTICULARS.

All the estate and interest of the abovenamed Plaintiffs and Defendants in the following property, viz:—

All that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground, together with the tannery and building thereon, situate lying and being at Dharavi on the Northern side of Dharavi, in the Island of Bombay, formerly in the sub-district of Mahim now of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2582 square yards be the same a little more or less registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue, under No. 4, Collector's new No. 1643, and new Survey No. 2-3743 and bounded as follows:—that is on the North by Government ground, on the South and East, by the land now or formerly belonging to one Poona Wassan Abdul Cadir, and on the West by Mahim Bay.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, Sayani and Company, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at No. 18, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.—Dated this 13th day of December, 1899

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Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 p. c. } 1 bon. }	1,270
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	10 pr. ct.	1,200
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,160
Commercial Bank of India.	{ 10,000 15,000 }	100	{ 100 75 }	6 p.c.	88
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	£6	all	3 pr. ct.	80
Charter Bank	40,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£29 1-2
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-10-0	£571
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12 1-2	8 pr. ct.	

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly. Divid.	Cash Rate.
			Half	yealry.	
Ahmedabad Advantage	70	1,000	000	Nil	
Alliance	1,500	1,100	all	..	205
Anglo-Indian	1,315	..	0	Nil	22
Assur Veerjee Mill Ltd.	In all 2000 Shares of which 1002 have been allotted.	Rs. 500 each	Fully paid up	Rs. 25 12 1-2	nom.
Aurangabad S. & M. Co., Ld.		1,000	1,000	66	
Ballary S.& W. Co., Ld. (Bellary)	971	60	all	9 per ct.	1,000
Berar Manfg Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	200	12 1-2	165
Bombay United	90	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	90	500	500	dvdRs 20	425
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,000	1,000	..	96
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.50	300
Bombay Woollen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	1,009
Central India	1,000	500	50	dvdRs,50	1,680
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.30	425
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs.25	575
Coimbatore S. and W.	6,000	100	00	9 pr ct.	1
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	25	525
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	Rs. 10	385
Coorla Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	360
Currimbhoy Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvdRs60	590
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvdRs30	290
Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co., Ld.	400	250	all	dvdRs20	255
Dhun Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	100
Empress	2,100	500	500	Nil	250
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	280
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	Nil	290
Hingunghat Mills	700	500	500	40	670
Howard and Bulloughs	1,500	500	500	50	505
Hope Mills	500	1,000	1,000	30	350
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	30	1,220xd
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	175
Indian Manfg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd 30	420
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld.	700	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 50	400
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	25	450
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	dvdRs 20	220
Jamshed Manufacturing Co	1,800	250	250	Nil	125
Jewraj Balloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	375
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld	8,430	1,000	1,000	20	300
Khandeish	7,500	1,500	1,000	dvdRs65	690
Khangaum Manfg. Co.	1,000	250	250	65	500xd
Khatao Mackunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs25	400
Leopold	3,500	105	105	dvdRs.5	155
Lord Reay Mfg	445	1,000	1,000	30	200
Lakmidas Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	600
Madras United	356	1,000	1,000	Rs 10	2,700
Mahaluxmee	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
Mahboob Shai Mills (Gulburga)	8,400	500	500	pr ct.	...
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	vd 60	1,620
Mohanlal K. Parekh G & Mfg Co. Ld.					
Amraoti	300	100	115	dvdRs15	...
Mazagon	5,000	250	...	dvdRs. 5	41
Morarji Goculdass	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvdRs15	1,335
Mysore S & M. Co., Ld	4,000	250	250	dvdRs15	200
Madura Mills	7,77[illegible]	100	100	Nil	...
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	pa 52
New Great					
Oriental	5,725	625	25	dvd Nil	10
Presidency Mills. Co.(Ld).	742	1,	1,000	dvdRs50	575
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs30	540
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	700
Saraswat Mills	1,250	500	500	Nil	500
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	500
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs75	1,725
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Rs30	325
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil	100
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	dvRs 12½	255
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250	250	Rs. 15	225
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	15	130
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	660
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	dvdRs22½	405
Sassoon and Alliance	3,000	500	500	dvdRs20	295
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co	500	1,000	1,000	50	
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	250
Venishunker Lukhmishunker C Mill Co. Ld.	900	500	500	dvdRs40	410xd
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvdRs50	225
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co., Ld.	400	50	all	dvdR-	25
Wadia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	s1	...

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B. B. & C. I. R. Co. New £12 Shares	–	£10	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry.	500	500	..	4 pr. ct.	610
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.	500	500		4 pr. ct.	4825

MISCELLANEOUS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly. Divid.	Cash Rate.
			Half	yearly	
Alcock Ashdown	1,750	100	100	dvd Rs5	175
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	12	35
Badham Pile	5,000	100	100	12 pr ct	148
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	500	375	6,750
Do. New Issue.	1500	375	625	93½	1,700
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,200	100	100	dvd 4	79
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.	400	500	500	5 pr ct	500
Bombay Flour Mill	000	500	500	5	750
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	5 pr ct	200
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	500	200	200	dvdRs10	155
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ld.	2,000	250	250	9 p 16	520
Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld	292	500	50	...	51
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn.	5,000	00	10	10 pr. ct.	13
John Roberts & Co	1,500	100	100	10 pr. ct,	130
Kemp & Co.	4,000	200	175	21	361
Kurrachee Landing	500	500	300	30	183
Marcks & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs15	159
Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100	1	9 pr. ct.	25
Napier Foundry	1,000	100	0	...	60
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	200	50	12 pr. c.	131
Phillips & Co. Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs 6	25
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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 37m. Sun sets, 5h. 44m. High water, 0-20m., 0-17a. Low water, 6-26m., 5-54a.
Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p.m.
Sasoon Mechanics' Institute, Professor Macmillan's Lecture on Marmion, 5-30 p.m.
Arrival of General Low from Poona, 7 p.m.
B. V A. War Fund Concert, Town Hall, 9 p.m.
Novelty Theatre, Taylor-Carrington Company.

CAUSING OBSTRUCTION.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. H. Kennard, dock-master of the Victoria Dock, charged Suleman Vira, a tindal of a prow, with causing obstruction in a line of navigation in the dock on the 15th instant, at about 10 p.m. It appeared from the evidence that while the steamer was going out of the dock, the accused's prow obstructed her passage, though a previous notice had been given to all the tindals to keep their prows out of the way. The accused was fined Rs. 25.

FATAL RESULT OF TREADING ON A PIECE OF BONE.—At the J. J. Hospital, yesterday morning, Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry on the Mr. body of Apa Pandoo, a labourer, aged about forty years. About a fortnight ago deceased was walking along the road, when he accidentally trod on a piece of bone and received a wound on the sole of his left foot. He applied the juice of some marking nut to the wound and remained home for four days and then continued to do his work until three days ago, when his body became stiff, and he had spasms. A plague doctor examined him and advised his removal to the J. J. Hospital. Accordingly Apa was taken to the hospital on the same evening. He died at the Hospital on Monday night. The jury returned a verdict of death from tetanus following the injury accidentally received.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A WATER CART DRIVER.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry yesterday, at the morgue, regarding the death of Tookaram Gunga, aged fifty-five years. The deceased was a water cart-driver, in the employ of the Bombay Municipality, and resided at Jail Road, North. On Monday afternoon Tookaram was driving his cart along the Musjid Bunder Road, watering the road, when a bullock-cart, laden with road metal, came from the opposite direction. While the latter vehicle was passing the water-cart, the wheels collided and the deceased was jerked off his cart and the right wheel went over him. When Tookaram was extricated, he was unable to speak. The police came upon the scene and took deceased in a victoria to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where on arrival the man was found to be dead. His body was then conveyed to the morgue. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

A THIEVISH HINDU WOMAN.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Jaya, a Hindu woman, was charged by Inspector Williamson, before Mr. S. B. Spencer, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, with stealing two silver ornaments, of the value of Rs. 25, belonging to one Luximee, a Hindoo woman. Complainant resides at Dongree and accused is her neighbour. On the 11th instant, Luximee, while about to take a bath, removed the ornaments from her person and placed the same on the person of her neice, a child of about three years. After complainant had had her bath, she looked for the ornaments and found them missing from the child's person. She then questioned accused, who was seen playing with the child, if she had removed the ornaments. The woman denied all knowledge about them. Complainant then gave information to the police, who arrested Jaya on suspicion and, on searching her person, recovered one ornament concealed in her saree. The other ornament was not found. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, the magistrate sentenced her to pay a fine of Rs. 25 or in default to suffer one month's rigorous imprisonment. The amount of fine, if recovered, was ordered to be paid to the complainant as compensation.

CHARGE OF ENTICING AWAY A MARRIED WOMAN.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, acting Third Presidency Magistrate, V. A. Collins appeared to answer a charge of enticing away a married woman preferred against him by Frederic Arthur De Quadros. Mr. Dandwate, pleader, defended the accused. Complainant deposed that he was married to Mary Anne De Quadros in Poona, in 1893. He lived chiefly in Bombay with his wife at his father-in-law's, in Military Square, as boarders. He sailed for Seychelles on the 7th November, 1898, to take up a post of assistant to Messrs. George Service and Company, and left Collins to board with his wife in quarters rented by him in Sassoon Buildings opposite the Mint. No one else but his wife and Collins resided in those quarters. On his return to Bombay on the 20th December last, he found his wife and Collins in Sassoon Buildings, but she disappeared the same day, and he saw nothing of her since. Cross-examined by Mr. Dandwate suspected lunatic and detained for eight days in the Mazagon lock-up under observation by Dr. Sidney Smith. He took no action in serving the witness summons on his wife and a man, named Narayan, because he remained under the impression that the police would do the needful. The magistrate discharged the accused for want of sufficient evidence.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr Justice Parsons and the Hon. Mr. Justice Ranade.)

ALLEGED CRIMINAL INTIMIDATION.

IMPERATRIX VS. GOVIND RAOJEE THOSAR.

THIS was a petition for a revision of the proceedings before Mr. J. Ghosal, who convicted the accused of criminal intimidation, under Sections 503 and 506, and fined him Rs. 40. Mr. Inverarity and Mr. Kursondas Chabildas, instructed by Mr. Manekshah, appeared for the accused; and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

The applicant, in his petition, stated that he was the agent of Mr. Haji Ismail Haji Hassum, a partner of Messrs. Shepherd and Co., and was managing the large landed estate held by him in the island of Nahave, in Panwell Taluka. For some time past there had been disputes going on between Haji Ismail and his tenants on the estate regarding the cultivation of certain lands. In the beginning of August last, some of the tenants presented a petition to the Collector and District Magistrate, complaining that Haji Ismail had been threatening and harassing them in a variety of ways, and praying for an early enquiry. The Collector deputed his assistant Mr. Ghosal, to proceed to Nahave and investigate into the complaint. As a result of such investigation, Mr. Ghosal recommended to the District Magistrate that security should be taken from the applicant for keeping the peace. On the 19th September last, one Selip Atya lodged a complaint, charging the applicant with criminal intimidation. A warrant was issued by Mr. Ghosal, First Class Magistrate, who, on the 18th October last, convicted the applicant, and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 40.

Mr. Inverarity, on behalf of the applicant, argued that the reasons for which the High Court transferred the case in which security was asked from the applicant, equally applied to the present matter; that the trying magistrate, Mr. Ghosal, had made a departmental enquiry; and having recommended that the applicant should be required to give security for keeping the peace, he could not possibly have been in a position to try the case in a fair and impartial manner. Mr. Inverarity stated that the prosecution started by the Collector in the security matter had been withdrawn after some evidence had been gone into, and argued that the circumstances set out in column 6 of the lower court's judgment did not constitute an offence under Sections 503 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code. He also argued that there was no finding by the Magistrate that the alleged threats were uttered with intent to cause alarm.

The Government Pleader urged that the fact of Mr. Ghosal having tried this case, did not invalidate the trial, nor was it a good reason to set aside the conviction, though it might have been a good reason for asking for a transfer. He further argued that the statements in the information laid by the complainant being held by the lower court to be proved this court could not go behind that finding.

Mr. Inverarity, in reply, said the lower court did not hold that the statements in the information were proved by the witnesses. The finding did not show that the threats used were used with intent to cause alarm, nor was there anything to show what the words used by way of threat were, which constituted the offence of criminal intimidation.

Their lordships, after referring to the judgment of the lower court, reversed the conviction and ordered the fine, if paid, to be refunded.

Mr. Justice Parsons, in giving the court's judgment said: On the register of the summary trial the offence is thus set out: "Criminal Intimidation Section 506, Part I.—Threatening to bring false complaints against complainant, fabricating false evidence if necessary i.e., getting branches of mango trees purposely broken off and causing harm to complainant in some way or other, or sending him to jail." This is a very vague and insufficient way of describing an offence. The finding, however, is still more vague. The conclusion of the Magistrate is thus stated—"the complainant and his witnesses state clearly that accused taunted them with having gone to the Collector and said that Haji Ismail had *samjoed* the Collector and was going to take revenge by false complaints, by carrying off their cattle whenever possible, &c. These threats appear to have frightened the complainant because as he asserts and believes formerly money had been extorted from him on similar threats. But a taunt and a communication of what Haji Ismail was going to do would not be threats or amount to criminal intimidation. Moreover there is no finding that the threats were made with intent to cause alarm to the complainant. We reverse the conviction and sentence and acquit the accused of the offence charged and direct that the amount of the fine paid be refunded.

THE FAMINE IN BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

THE following memorandum was published last evening:—During the week ending the 6th instant, there was no rain in any district. Distress is deepening, and the numbers on relief works are increasing in all the affected districts. The prices of the staple foodgrains have risen in the Panch Mahals, Sholapur, Khandesh, Belgaum and Kolaba, while they are steady or have fallen elsewhere.

The progress statement of relief measures during the week ending the 6th instant is appended. The numbers relieved are compared below with those of the preceding week—Workers 531,881, dependants 129,218, gratuitously relieved in poor-houses and villages 28,134.

The following new relief works were started during the week under report—Ahmedabad, Excavating the tank at Malkani, excavating the tank Sakri at Sarkhei, excavating the tank at Makarba, Broach—Mataria Tank. Khandesh,—Metal-breaking on Edalabad-Bodvad Road.

The test-works noted below have been converted into regular relief works—Ahmednagar,—Metal-breaking on the Nagar-Malegaon Road, Metal-breaking on the Loni-Belapur Road, Metal-Breaking on the Poona-Nasik Road, Poona,—collecting metal for the Poona-Ahmednagar Road; collecting metal for the Poona-Nasik Road; collecting metal for the Poona-Sholapur Road, Earthwork of the Shetphal Tank, The inclusion of the Kharda-Shrigonda Road in the famine programme of the Ahmednagar District has been authorized. A special Engineer has been deputed for the work of aligning the Dholka-Dholera Railway with a view to the earthwork of it being utilized as a famine relief work in case of necessity.

The following allotments have been sanctioned—Rs.50,000 for kitchens attached to large relief works in Khandesh; Rs. 30,000 for kitchens attached to large relief works in Poona; Rs.10,000 for poor-houses in Ahmednagar; Rs. 500 for village relief in Bijapur.

A District Medical Officer has been appointed to the Panch Mahals District and a Deputy Collector has been appointed to be Personal Assistant to the Collector of Dharwar. Five Subordinate Judges in the Ahmednagar District have been invested with first class magisterial powers with a view to releve the Revenue officer from the pressure of magisterial duties. Special officers and Karkuns have been appointed to inquire into applications for takavi advances in the Poona, Khandesh and Nasik Districts.

The opening of unclosed forests in the Bijapur District to the free grazing of cattle has been authorized.

HIS HIGHNESS THE GAEKWAR'S TOUR.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT).

AMRELI, JAN. 7.

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA SYAJIRAO having completed his tours in the Baroda and Kadi Divisions and having personally inspected the different famine relief-works there and having satisfied himself as to the various requirements of the cultivating and working classes there, and having earned their heartfelt blessings by sympathetically acceding to their numerous demands, now contemplates touring in this remote part of his State. He intends coming here soon after the "Makar Shankranti" with her Highness, Prince Fatesingrao, Princess Indiraraja, and the other princes, the Famine Commissioner, the Huzur Kamdar, the Chief Medical Officer and others. His Excellency the Dewan will also very probably accompany his Highness as he did in the Kadi Division. Prince Fatesingrao stays here for only a week and then returns to Baroda to prosecute higher studies at the college there. Active preparations are in progress to accord fitting welcome to their Highnesses. The new public offices-building a palatial structure erected, at a cost of a lakh and a quarter, and popularly known as the Raj Mahal, is vacated some time since by the various departments, and is now being prepared for the accommodation of his Highness and the Royal Family.

Soon after his Highness's arrival here about the 15th instant, he will begin touring in the Amreli, Dhari, and Damnagar Mahals, leaving her Highness, &c., here. He also intends to visit far away Kodinar and Dwarka, the worst affected talookas of this Division.

Large sanctions have been already given and several thousands of people are daily earning their living on various works, under the management of our energetic Suba, Dewan Bahadur Samarth, yet people look forward with pleasure to the visit of their ruler, believing their great want, that of a railway, will be satisfied. I hope to be able to convey this good news to you in a short while, for I know his Highness has been pleased to sanction railways to Vijapur and Kadi, during his late tour in that portion of his dominions.

BOMBAY FIFTH EXTRA MEETING.

Second Entries closed on Tuesday 16th January, at 7 p.m.

The Bedouin Plate—Distances 5 furlongs.
(First entries 4)
5 Mr A R Obayed b a h vanitas (6 years)
6 Mr Lyndons g a h phobos 13 3 (aged)

The Maiden Plate—Distance 7 furlongs
(First entries 5)
5 Mr H Vishrams b a h Munwar 13 3 1-4
7 Mr Moochool Shah's b a g Pilgrim 13 3

The Club Stakes—Distance 6 furlongs.
(First enries 4)
5 Mr Bs g a g Twilight 13 2

The Arab Plate—Distance 1 Mile.
(1st. Entries 14.)

The Byculla Staks and the club stakeses.
15 Mr Lyndons ch. a. h Eclipse (6 years
These Races are declared void.

EXTRA RACES FOR SATURDAY, 20TH JAN.

(1) The High Weight Handicap Winner Rs 200, 2nd Rs 50 3rd Rs 25 a High Weight Handicap for Horses landed sence 1st Julp 1899 which have not won a race value Rs 50 or over since that date and other Horses which have not evon race value Rs 50, Distance 1-2 Mile

(11) Substitution Stakes—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 50 3rd Rs. 25. A Handicap for Arab and C B ponies 14 hands and under Distance 5 furlongs.

Entry for above Rases Rs 10 to close at 10 a. m. on Thursday 18 January and Rs 5 in addition if not struck out before 12 noon on Friday 19 January 1900. Handiicaps will be published at Race Stand by 8 a.m. on Friday 19 January 1900.

Terms Programme Bombay 5 Extra Meeting apply.

Horses struck out. The Arab Plate.—Vanitas The club stakes.—Pilgrim.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C,

Bombay, Jan, 16,

MURDERS BY NATIVES.

A SCHOONER CAPTURED.

THE natives of the Admiralty Islands have lately captured a schooner called the Nikamarra, killing the captain and others. The schooner was owned by Mr. E. E. Forsayth, Ralun. The following account, received from Captain S. Williams, of the steamer Moresby, was furnished by Mr. Forsayth:—The Nikamarra, in charge of Captain Dathe, was on one of her usual trading voyages, and anchored at the islands for the purpose of trading. A great many natives went on board, and, not suspecting anything, the captain was trading with them, when at a given signal they attacked the crew with knives and tomahawks, killing the captain, the mate and six natives. One small boy belonging to the Bunganville Islands and two other natives jumped overboard and swimming to shore, concealed themselves in the bush. A few days afterwards the schooner was taken away by a trader for Homshun and Co., the natives having plundered her and taken away the boat. Some time afterwards, Mr. Forsayth arrived on the scene in the Nuzara. He was ignorant of what had happened to his schooner, and the only thing he noticed was that the natives did not go on board as usual. The Nugara was anchored, and Mr. Forsayth, accompanied by Messrs. Bullock and Dormang two gentlemen lately arrived from Sydney, and a boat's crew, went on shore. Pulling through a narrow passage into the lagoon, their suspicions were aroused by seeing the Nikamarra's boat lying here, but still no natives were to be seen. Mr. Forsayth took the boat, and saying, "I am afraid we will have to fight our way out immediately," he started to pull out of the lagoon. On entering the narrow passage, the natives, who were concealed in the bush, opened fire on the boats, and Mr. Forsayth and his party replied, firing into the bush in the direction of the powder smoke. While the crew was pulling hard to get through the passage, Mr. Bullock suddenly said he was hit, and after firing a few more shots he fell down in the boat. They soon got out of the passage. Mr. Bullock was the only person wounded, the bullet passing first through the boat, then through one of his thighs, finally lodging in the other. Another bullet had passed through Mr. Bullock's shirt, without touching him. The schooner proceeded to Herberthos, where Mr. Bullock's injuries were attended to, and on the arrival of the Moresby he was progressing favorably being able to walk about. The natives were armed with rifles taken out of the Nikamarra, and had they used their spears probably none of the men in the boat would have escaped.

An expedition is being organised at New Britain to punish the murderers. At present no war ship is about New Britain, but probably the Nugara will go back as soon as arrangements are completed and a sufficiently strong party of natives are trained, so as to be able to track the murderers into the bush.—*Melbourne Age.*

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	10	8	13
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	19	5	58
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbarwada	22	8	68
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmi	12	8	25
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	12	7	76
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	2	3	20
G Mahim and Worli	3	3	19
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	24	36
Total	80	66	315
Total plague deaths to date	62,975	54,850	
Same date last year	33	55	181

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON TUESDAY, THE 16TH OF JANUARY, 1900.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calicut standard, reduced to the same temperature Mo and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity at Lat. 45.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 14 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a small shade with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min. temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing rates of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

STATIONS.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	WIND. Direction.	WIND. Rate per hour.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Maximum of past 24 hours.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	RAINFALL. Past 24 hours.	RAINFALL. Since 1st Nov. to date.	RAINFALL. Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Lahore	29·952	SE	4	67·1	47·2	72	...	0·00	–0·93
Sirsa	29·9[illegible]4	SW	5	72·2	43·6	81	...	0·00	–0·21
Delhi	30·023	SE	5	70·7	50·1	84	...	0·31	–0·41
Agra	30·024	SE	5	76·0	55·9	81	...	0·09	–0·45
Cawnpore	30·065	ESE	2	75·7	55·0	94	...	0·19	...
Allahabad	30·049	E	7	71·3	57·4	9[illegible]	0·12	1·10	+0·13
Jhansi	30·027	Calm	3	76·1	43·2	7[illegible]	..	0·93	+0·41
Jacobabad	29·991	NW	7	74·4	49·5	27	..	0·00	–0·32
Karachi	30·071	Calm	6	76·6	51·2	34	...	0·18	–0·35
Jeypore	30·042	W	3	74·7	42·[illegible]	4[illegible]	...	0·01	–0·55
Ajmere	30·073	Calm	3	72·9	39·4	49	...	0·00	–0·52
Deesa	30·01[illegible]	W	8	79·5	43·[illegible]	31	...	0·00	–0·24
Ahmedabad	30·029	NW	3	83·2	51·1	43	...	0·03	...
Bhuj	30·015	W	10	78·3	51·4	76	...	0·00	–0·10
Jamnagar	30·017	SSW	15	79·5	57·	57	...	0·01	...
Rajkot	30·060	S	8	80·9	45·[illegible]	5[illegible]	...	0·00	–0·40
Bhownagar Para	30·026	W	9	84·5	51·7	57	...	0·01	...
Veraval	30·041	NNE	7	80·0	53·[illegible]	51	...	0·01	...
Neemuch	30·071	Calm	10	75·1	41·1	47	...	0·11	–0·51
Indore	30·056	W	4	?	49·1	35	...	0·08	–0·77
Saugor	30·032	SSE	5	74·2	54·1	56	...	0·78	–1·59
Jubulpore	30·026	S	1	76·9	54·4	83	...	1·76	+0·30
Hoshangabad	30·063	Calm	1	79·2	50·3	8	...	0·35	–1·07
Khandwa	30·059	S	4	81·2	48·1	58	...	0·26	–0·87
Raipur	30·06[illegible]	SE	2	85·3	62·2	96	0·16	0·16	–0·74
Nagpur	30·04[illegible]	Calm	4	80·3	50·2	78	...	0·00	–1·85
Amraoti	30·010	SW	2	83·1	57·8	49	...	0·04	–1·[illegible]2
Akola	30·015	S	6	84·5	54·1	52	...	0·03	–2·05
Surat	29·[illegible]49	NE	4	81·0	[illegible]	50	...	0·00	–0·19
Malegaon	30·052	WNW	6	82·4	43·[illegible]	55	...	0·01	–1·15
Bombay	30·042	NNE	8	80·3	60·2	55	...	0·00	–0·88
Poona	30·059	WNW	8	83·1	51·5	67	...	0·00	–1·63
Ahmednagar	30·061	NE	6	81·3	43·1	66	...	0·00	...
Aurangabad	...	Calm	9	85·8	55·7	41	...	0·12	...
Sholapur	30·013	NW	6	85·7	60·6	3[illegible]	...	0·00	–1·86
Ratnagiri	30·030	SE	5	83·4	65·4	70	...	0·00	–0·71
Belgaum	30·040	Calm	8	82·3	53·9	70	...	0·00	–2·30
Goa	30·047	NNE	10	83·5	69·9	68	...	0·09	...
Karwar	30·024	NE	4	83·2	66·1	[illegible]9	...	0·08	–2·76
Mangalore	30·013	NNE	3	85·3	70·9	72	...	0·13	–3·63
Calicut	29·973	NNE	5	88·2	78·5	83	...	0·11	–6·34
Cochin	29·976	N	...	91·0	73·2	79	...	3·30	–5·61
Bangalore	30·023	W	6	83·8	53·4	77	...	0·27	–3·98
Secunderabad	29·982	SE	5	89·6	66·6	79	...	0·00	–2·04
Masulipatam	30·016	SSE	4	86·0	6[illegible]·1	77	...	0·03	–8·77
Madras	30·016	ESE	4	85·0	67·5	7[illegible]	...	1·79	–17·27
Coimbatore	30·031	NE	1	86·4	63·[illegible]	90	...	5·94	+0·89
Trichinopoly	30·022	Calm	3	90·5	65·4	85	...	1·75	–6·38
Negapatam	30·036	NW	1	84·0	66·9	86	...	11·88	–17·56
Colombo	29·957	N	7	88·5	72·	84	...	15·33	–5·57
Aden	30·[illegible]82	NE	14	78·8	70·9	72	...	0·19	–9·78

In column "Wind, Rate per hour," L., Light, M., Moderate. F., Fresh, S., Strong, H., Heavy.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased over almost the whole country, the rise being brisk in several places. Readings are highest in Rajputana and lowest in Ceylon. Gradients are slight.

Winds are south-easterly to north-easterly at the majority of the reporting stations, and the force has been moderate to light.

The temperature, both maximum and minimum, has fallen considerably in many places. The highest temperature in the shade was 92° at Bellary and the lowest 39° at Ajmere.

Humidity changes are unimportant, and the skies are cloudy to overcast in Berar and at Delhi, Agra, Cawnpore, Allahabad, Raipur, Nagpur, Masulipatam and Coimbatore.

Light showers have fallen at Allahabad and Raipur. The weather is fine over nearly the whole country.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, JAN. 16.

Tuesday's barometrical observations show that the pressure has fallen briskly in Beluchistan and has risen generally in India and Burma. The rise has been from brisk to rapid along the North-west Himalayas and in the North-western Provinces and slight to brisk in Bengal and Burma. Pressure has been steady in the Central and West Punjab, and the depression in that area is better defined to-day than yesterday. Temperature has fallen very rapidly in Chota Nagpur, Berar, and the Deccan, and rapidly in North-Western Provinces, Rajputana, Gujarat, Central India, and Central Provinces. The mean temperature is below the normal in Behar, Chota Nagpur, Rajputana, Gujarat, and the Deccan, and normal in Central India and Berar. It is six degrees in excess in Madras and the Deccan. Light to moderate rain and snow have fallen in Upper India hills and rain in sub-montaine districts of Punjab and in east of North-Western Provinces, Behar, Chota Nagpur, and showers in West Bengal and east of Central Provinces, and Hazaribagh. Cherat have received one inch, Berhampore, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Chakrata, and Murree three-quarters of an inch; Patna, Gaya, Ranchi, and Ranikhet, Half-an-inch; Bagra, Purnea, Chaebassa, Gorakhpur, Allahabad, Srinagar, Minimarg, Sambalpur, Raipur, Mymensing from one-tenth to quarter of an inch.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 15th January, 1900.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah. ....inches	29·993
Temperature of the Air ....degrees	74·8
Wet Bulb Thermometer	67·8
Dew Point	64·2
Relative humidity of Air	0·699
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	1·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ....degrees	80·03
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	70·2
General Directions of wind* ......NW, E, NW, WNW, NW, NNW, NNE.	
Movement of Wind in 24 hours* ....miles	189

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

MONDAY NIGHT.—JANUARY, 15.

10 p.m.	72·6

TUESDAY.—JANUARY, 16.

6 a.m.	70·2
10 a.m.	73·5
2 p.m.	75·3
4 p.m.	74·2

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s. s. Slingsby, 2094 tons, Commander C B Morck, arrived in harbour yesterday from Cardiff, (16th Dec.) with a cargo of Coal.

THE s. s. Kirkdale, 1,853 tons, Captain A. Gibson, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Newport (7th December,) via Karachi, with a general cargo, during the voyage she experienced bad weather for sixteen days.

THE Hall Line s s Stanley Hall, 2,600 tons, Captain C Browne, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Liverpool (20th December) with a general cargo and one horse. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Killick, Nixon and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Pachumba, 544 tons, Captain J Kinner, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi, 13th January, via Kathiawar and coast ports, with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Captain and Mrs Methias and 2 children, Captain and Mrs Waverton, and 164 deck.

DEPARTURE OF THE CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

THE P and O Co's s s Clyde, 2,198 tons, Captain E Street, will sail to-day, for Shanghai via intermediate ports with Her Magesty's China and Australian Mails, a general cargo and the following passengers—Captain, Fisher, Mr J H de G Dreux, Mr H Stone, Mr B D Setna, Mr D H Cooper, Col and Mrs T H Newman, Mr J Harwood, Mr Sharples, Mr and Mrs S T Fuckatt, Mr Cullen, Miss Wiseman, Miss Maxomas, Mr Baldock, and Mr Dunning.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 16.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
Sutlej		Weston			P & O Co
Booldana	2143	Croft			M M & Co
Bengo	462				Portuguese Gun Boat
Nizam	2011	Eliot	Calcutta		F Morrison & Co
H M S Lapwing		Lambert			Royal Navy
Simla	1093	Bamber			M M & Co
Chilka	1477	Hutchison			M M & Co
Gulf of Trinidad	1494	Duncanson			B & P S N Co
Dalhousie		Warden	Wet Basin		R I M S
Clyde	2198	Donny			P & O S N Co
Bhundara	2215	Stunt			M M & Co
Chindwara	1502	McDougall			M M & Co
Onipenta	3421	Watkeys			M M & Co
Florida	2010	Chapman			M M & Co
Ceylon		Channer	Dry Dock		I L Service
Shannon	2381	Chellew			P & O Co
Coromandel	2783	Vibert			P & O Co
Hermod	830	Nilsen			Bo Company
Patna	1164	Houlden			M M & Co
Dumra	762	Russell			M M & Co
Obra	3196	Brown			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—JANUARY 16.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
B	Clan Alpine	2245	Kewby			F M & Co
C	City of Lucknow	2365	Morrison	Karachi	18-1	F F & Co
E	Haidari	1562	Krikson	Calcutta	16-1	B & P S N Co
G	Ileafage	[illegible]73	Maioes	Colombo	18-1	V Ebrahim
M	King Arthur	1647	Barren	P Gulf		B & P S N Co
	Transport.					
N	Fultala	2692	Cave	Durban		M M & Co
P	Purnea	1[illegible]7	Pearson	Durban		M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
Ponani	533	Fukeer	Bhownagar	16-1	Shprd & Co
Bahaduri	839	Ahmed	Karachi	16-1	Do
Sabarmati	521	Fukeer	Bhownagar	16-1	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents
1	Singapore	2431	Piggarotto	Genoa	1-2	F Baldovino
2	Nutia	2319	Knox	Liverpool	24-1	W & A G & Co
3	Cragoswall	2085	Fearn	London	20-1	Bombay Co
5	Hiroshima Maru	2035	Yoshigawa	Japan		N Y Kaisha
6	Clyde	2198	Street	China	17-1	P & O S N Co
10	Hochheimer	1810	Samaleve	Hamburg	20-1	Glade & Co
12	Carthage	2296	Lerdon	Aden	20-1	P & O S N Co
14	Nuddia	1914	Mittis	Zanzibar	19-1	M M & Co

*Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44·3s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba meantime, or 8h. 8m. 44·30 of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
16	Kirkdale s	Gibson	Newport, Dec 7
	Pachumba s	Skinner	Karachi, Jan 13
	Stanley Hall s	Brown	Liverpool, Dec 20
	Slingsby s	Morck	Cardiff, Dec 16

DEPARTURE.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
16	Chindwara s	M'Dougall	Calcutta, &c

The steamer Clyde, Captain Street, obtained her port clearance yesterday, for China.

" Kirkdale, for Kobe, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JANUARY 16.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Nubia s—17 bales cotton fly, 13 bales cotton waste, Tyabjee and Co; 31 bales goat hair, 2 bales wool, Hajee Oosman Hajee Hassum, 57 bales wool, G Valubdas; 130 bales wool, Sulleman Jan Mamed; 50 bales wool, Jafferbhoy Khetsey and Co; 1,000 cwt myrabolams, W Kipp.

FOR LONDON.

Cragoswall s—49 bales hides, Adamjee Peerbhoy; 50 bales hides, M J Jeomabhoy and Co; 25 bales skins, W and A Graham and Co; 200 bales hemp, Heerjee Gorindjee 7 bales hides, M Mahomed and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Hochheimer s—331 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co; 190 bales cotton, 1800 cwt teelseed, 1341 cwt myrabolams, Ralli Brothers; 850 cwt oil cake, Glade and Co; 390 cwt gum, 500 cwt gingellyseed, 5190 cwt myrabolams, Volkart Brothers; 110 bales cotton fly, Tyabjee and Co; 986 lbs bristles, Steiner Hegeree and Co; 36 bales cotton, Glade and Co.

FOR BREMEN.

Hochheimer s—6,000 cwt teelseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Nubia s—50 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 6,003 cwt gingelly seed, Dharsee Nanjee and Co; 100 cwt gum, Hirjee Vridhore: 9,999 cwt teelseed, Ralli Brothers.

City of Lucknow s—8,034 cwt linseed, 2,499 cwt teelseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Clyde s—14 lbs cow bazar, D Mowjee and Co; 114 cases opium P and O S N Co; 8 chests opium, Sassoon J David and Co; 42 chests opium, E D Sassoon and Co; 15 chests opium, Talati and Co; 8 chests opium, M H E Ellias; 10 chests opium, C Ebrahim and Co.

Hiroshima Maru s—600 bales twist, Yan Shun and Co; 700 bales twist, Sassoon J David and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Hiroshima Maru s—500 bales twist, C Ebrahim and Co; 680 bales twist, Tata and Co; 450 bales twist, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co; 67 bales cotton and 250 bales twist, Silas E Sassoon; 100 bales twist, The Union Mills.

Clyde s—8 chests opium, E Abdool Rahim; 68 chests opium, N J Abraham; 80 chests opium—David Sassoon and Co; 7 chests opium, C Bomanjee and Co; 61 chests opium, Talati and Co; 47 chests opium, Sassoon J David and Co; 70 chests opium, R S N Talati and Co; 51 chests opium, C Ebrahim and Co; 8 chests opium, E D Sassoon and Co; 20 chests opium, E Noordin and Co; 16 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co; 31-8 chests opium, Tata and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Chusan s—400 bales cotton, David Sassoon and Co; 800 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 369 bales cotton, F Fischer and Co; 200 bales cotton, R S N Talati and Co

Hiroshima Maru s—700 bales cotton, Tata and Co; 150 bales cotton, Glazebrook Tejpal and Co; 300 bales cotton, David Sassoon and Co; 953 bales cotton, C Ebrahim and Co; 350 bales cotton, Dinshaw D Curranee and Co; 400 bales cotton, V S H Reddy and Co; 300 bales cotton, F Fischer and Co; 400 bales cotton, L Abercrombie and Co; 500 bales cotton, Tata and Co; 300 bales cotton, R S N Talati and Co.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 17th January, 1900.

The Squadron will parade at Church Gate Station on Thursday 18th inst. at 6-45 a.m. Dress—Marching Order.

G. W. MOIR, Lieut.,
Commanding B. L. H,

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 17th January, 1900.

1. The Regiment will parade at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground at 4-45 p.m., on Saturday the 20th instant, for Commanding Officer's Parade.

2. Members of the Corps attending the Bombay Volunteer Artillery Concert, this evening may wear Mess Dress (Red or White).

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 17th January, 1900.

1. There will be 10-inch R M L Gun drill at the Town Hall Compound and Nesbit Road Head-quarters to-morrow (Thursday) at 8-15 p.m.

2. There will be a meeting of the Carbine Association Committee at the Corps Club on Thursday, 18th inst. at 6-30 p.m.

3. The Corps will parade at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder, on Saturday next the 20th instant, at 4 p.m. sharp, and proceed to Pilot Bunder Colaba to finish the Annual Gun target practice from the 4 Pr. R. M. L. Guns.

Dress:—Drill order, without Arms, putties to be worn.

No. 4 Sub-divisions of each Company are detailed for First relief on the guns.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay up to 2 P. M. on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, for the SUPPLIES of STATIONERY and DRAWING MATERIALS during the year, 1900-1901.

Printed forms of Tenders and conditions of Contract can be had on payment of Rs. 5 (Rupees five), for each form of Tender at the office of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

No notice will be taken of Tenders unless accompanied by samples.

The usual deposit of Rs. 800 (Rupees eight hundred) for Stationery and Rs. 500 (Rupees five hundred) for Drawing Materials should be paid into the Cheif Accountant's Office at the time of lodging Tenders. The successful Tenderer will have to pay a further deposit as per the conditions of Contract.

The successful Tenderer will have to pay the full charges for stamping and executing the Contract.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

W. L. HARVEY,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices, Bombay, 16th January, 1900.

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Rs. 50 FOR Rs. 25.
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Rs. 25.

Complete in case with spare glass, main spring and a guarantee for 2 years.

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TO LOVERS OF ART.

THE establishment in the "First City in India" of a high class and fashionable Art Gallery, fitted up in the most approved and artistic style, where artists and their patrons can at all times meet to their mutual advantage, and to the advancement of Art itself, has been our desire for some years past; but the difficulties in the way of its fulfilment have been so great that the scheme has had to be abandoned—for the time being at least. We are persuaded that were we able to secure the influential support of those in high places and the help of lovers of Art in the Presidency, the Gallery would be a *fait accompli*. Another object of ours in wishing to form an Art Gallery is that we may be able to educate the native mind, and, by furnishing the people with an opportunity of viewing and comparing European work with the crude and absurd productions they have been accustomed to cultivate a refined and more artistic taste in them. Surely this worthy desire ought to have the encouragement it reserves from all true lovers of Art!

In submitting our new Catalogue to the public, which can be obtained on application, we desire to place this object prominently before them, at the same time thanking them for the patronage and support they have already given us. It has enabled us to place the concern in some degree in as favoured a position as some of the leading Picture Dealers' establishments in London or Paris; so far, at least, as India is concerned.

A new feature, as will be seen in the present issue of the Catalogue, is that we have included all the different lines of business which we undertake in one and the same cover, whereas in former years they were printed in separate handbooks, leaflets, &c., necessitating a deal of needless repetition.

It has, therefore, been our endeavour to spare the public the tediousness of the task of looking through a number of separate prints for what they require, by compiling the present issue in as concise and handy a form as possible, adding to it an Index—a feature that was not possible to introduce in the former erratic sort of publications.

Of course, we are sensible of many defects in this our first venture: the principal one being the impossibility to embody in a trade catalogue a complete list of our stock of Engravings. We would, therefore, request those seeking any known engraving not enumerated herein to communicate with us.

We have, further, the pleasure of notifying our *clientele* of our removel into more spacious and conspicuous premises, the address of which we would ask them to kindly take particular note.

Hoping for a continuance of the esteemed patronage and support of our customers, and the public in general.

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THE Giant Patent PHŒNIX with 48 Harmonium Steel Reeds and 6 Metal Tunes and case complete, Rs. 150. Never imported into India before. A powerful Hand Organ suitable for Dance or Dancing Halls.—STEFFENAUER and Co., Fort, Bombay.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 16.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	97 7-8+3-16
Bar Silver	27 3-8+3-16
French Rentes	100 1-4+1-4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	109 1-2
Paris Exchange	25·20 1-2—1 Pt.
3 1-2 per cent GovernmentSecurities	63 7-8
Silver in New York	59 1-8
Exchange on London in New York	4·87 1-8+1-8
Amount paid into the Bank of England	£700,000
Outward Freights on Coals Cardiff to Bombay via Canal	14-6

MONEY.

The Bank of Bombay rate of discount is 1 per cent. higher again this week making it stand at 9 per cent.

COUNCILS.

Extra allotments have been made to the extent of 8 lakhs as under:—

Transfers to Bombay	1 lakh	1-4 9-32
" Calcutta	4 lakhs	do.
" Bombay	1 lakh	1-4 5-16
" Madras	2 lakhs	do.

EXCHANGE.

This market is stronger than ever, one Bank offering

T. T. ready	1-4 9-32
D. D. "	1-4 5-16
Others were T. T.	1-4 1-4.
D. D.	1-4 9-32
3 months' sight credits	1-4 19-32 to 5-8
Paris Francs	174 1-4 to 1-2

The market has continued very firm all day, but owing to the tightness of the money market, buyers have not been able to take advantage of the favorable rates for remittance offered. Wire has been done at 1-4 5-16 for cash, and 1-4 5-16 demand for the mail is freely offered.

COTTON.

In Liverpool yesterday the market closed quiet.
Manchester steady.
Surats quiet.
Arrivals quiet.

Total day's Sales	10,000 bales
Sales of Surats	Nil.
Sales on Speculation and for Export	500 "
Total day's Imports	4,000 "

Mid.-Uplands in Liverpool are quoted—

Jan.	Jan-Feb.	Feb-March	April-May	May-June
4·19	4·16	4·13	4·7	4·4
—1	—4	—4	—4	—4

Under yesterday's date New York advises.

Days receipts of Cotton at U. S. Ports	35,000
Exports of Great Britain	10,000
Exports to France and Continent	8 000
Mid.-Uplands	7 5-8—1-16
Futures, April	7·36—2
Do July	7·41—2

Arrivals of Cotton into Bombay for Sunday and Monday in bales.

	Bales.
Khandeish	704
Barsee and Nuggur	976
Berar	3,367
Total Oomras	5,047
Dhollera	354
Broach	296
Bengals	4,958
Sind	76
Persian	5
Compta & Dharwar	182
Total	10,918

Tone of the Market, firm. Business, small. Prices, Broach, March, Good, Rs. 222; Bengal, F. Good, January Rs. 188 and March Rs. 193; Bhownagar, May, Good, Rs. 214. Mill consumption.—100 Queen Khurje 192, 100 Khataw Bashend 209, 300 Mooltan Kohinoor 203-4, 100 Great Komtha 193, 250 Peroomohmed Dhamgam 210, and 150 Koorla Khandwa 210.

WHEAT.

Business, small. Market quiet.

White Passy, 91 per cent.	Prices unchanged.
Do. 85 "	
No. 1 Club Delhi	
Red Delhi	
Hard Yellow	
Red Ahmedabad	
Hard Red	

SEEDS.

Business small. Market quiet.

Linseed	Prices unchanged.
Rapeseed, Yellow Guzerat	
do. do. Cawnpore	
do. Red do.	
Gingelly white	
Do. mixed	

Government paper market opened at [illegible] per cent. ready and 95 1-4 per cent. for forward upon London. R. Paper unchanged and improved to Rs. 95 5-16 per cent. forward at which rate there were buyers, at the close Bank of Bombay rate of interest is 1 per cent. up from 8 to 9.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

	Rs.
Bank of Bombay Shares	1,270
Maneckjee Petit do	1,620
Swadeshi Mills do	505
Tapti Valley Co. do	485
Bombay & Burma Trading Company	6,750
Do New Issue	1,700
Bombay Cotton	72 1-2
Hingolee Press	125
Mercantile Press	42 1-2
Sabaputy (Bellary)	300 (x divd)
Sind Press	1,725
Volkart Press	880

Reciepts for two days of Produce arriving in Bombay yesterday, and to-day.

	cwt.
Wheat	84,610
Linseed	54,718
Rapeseed	30,508
Gingellyseed	248,544
Poppysed	4,546
Groundnuts	20,008
Castorseed	48 354
Rice	237,747

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 15.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.
Surats quiet.
Good Bhownuggar 3 25-32.
The Manchester Market has been steady.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	99 7-8
3 per cent. Rentes	100 1-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	109 1-2
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	63 7-8
Bar Silver	27 3 8

The sum of about £700 000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, JAN. 15.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macaulay arrived here yesterday morning.

SUEZ, JAN. 15.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Maclaren arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta, this morning.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Victoria arrived here from Colombo this morning.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Vindobona, from Bombay for Trieste, arrived at Aden, on the afternoon of the 16th instant.

RAILWAY RETURNS

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

Week ending 16th December, 1899.

Description.	1899.	1898.	Inc. for the week.	Dec. for the week.	Aggregate Inc.	Aggregate Dec.
Miles Open	1,130	988	—	—	—	—
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Passengers, Parcels, &c.	45,469	43,781	1,688	...	86,164	...
Goods	1,77,632	67,882	,03 , 0	...	6,23,799	...
Other earnings	4,449	8,551	...	4,102	8,192	...
Total for week	2,27,550	1,20,194	1,07,356	...	...	...
Aggregate	34,46,457	27,23,302	...	...	7,18,155	...

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Open 1,491 1-4 Miles.

The following is the statement of traffic, week ending 31st December, 1899.

	Coaching Traffic.	Merchandize and Mineral Traffic.	Other Earnings (Estimated)	Total Earnings.
	Receipts.	Receipts.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total	1,94,321	6,44,268	11,935	8,50,524
Corresponding week last year. Open 1,491¼ miles.	...	...	...	11,28,162

Decrease .... Rs. 2,77,638

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

GOODENOUGH—January 12, at Wheatfield, Simla, the wife of Captain H L Goodenough, I S C, of a daughter.

MEE—January 6, at Chittagong, the wife of A H Mee, Forest Department, of a son.

RICKETTS—January 8, at Umballa, the wife of R L Ricketts Esq, 10th Bengal Lancers, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

ORCHARD—YOUNG—January 11, at St Stephen's Church, Bareilly, by the Rev P H Chapman, Fredrick Stuart Orchard, A D S, Burma Police, eldest son of F S A Orchard, Executive Engineer, P W D (retired), to Kathleen Maude Agnes Young, niece of A Ross, Opium Department.

DEATH.

WRIGHT—January 6, at Lahore, after a long and painful illness, George Wright, pensioned Sergeant-Major of the late Bengal Artillery, aged 75 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

⁂ ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1900.

IN Capetown as well as at Durban, it is understood that Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren are engaged in a combined movement to turn the Boers' position and relieve Ladysmith. It is now stated that the column, 11,000 strong, under Sir Charles Warren, is moving eastward from the direction of Weenen. The intention doubtless was to move eventually northward, keeping the Boers, who were a short time since at Grobler's Kloof—and are no longer there, or in sight—from threatening the flank of the relieving force. It is as well to bear in mind, however, that some weeks since, when this movement eastward to Weenen was suggested as a means of keeping clear of Joubert's force at Colenso, a military expert pointed out that such a movement would be very hazardous. He gave cogent reasons for that opinion. By leaving the railway the column would have to depend for supplies on long trains of transport wagons, in a roadless and difficult country, lending itself to ambush and unexpected attacks. The column would itself be exposed to a flank attack as well as to the danger of being cut off from its supports and its base at Frere. Sir Charles Warren, who has been joined by the Colonial and Irregular Mounted Troops, may see his way to [illegible] must always be prepared to run risks in war. Curiously enough the authorities at Pretoria are said to be anxious about the situation in the south and west, but nothing is said of anxiety as to what is in progress in the east, where this great turning movement is in progress. On the south, however, General French has scored another success. Detaching a small force of Cavalry and Artillery on Monday, the Boers at the wagon bridge over the Orange River were completely surprised and their laager shelled. Hearing that the Boers intended to occupy Molteno, General Gatacre sent a force there, which holds it. The Boers are still in force at Stormberg. Boer despatches from Ladysmith say, perhaps truly, that an ominous calm prevails there and along the Tugela. The British, they state, have three large camps south of the river, which are constantly increasing. Ladysmith being, according to these accounts, in sore straits, the British in the camps are showing great activity—an activity difficult to reconcile with the calm just ascribed to them. Probably the meaning is that there is activity in the camps, but no actual movement has taken place. The despatches being dated the 13th, Friday, the fighting which was rumoured in Durban to have taken place on that day, was possibly mythical. At all events there has been no confirmation of it from official or other sources.

A GERMAN explorer has once more tried to raise the veil from the hidden Ophir of the "Wisest King." Dr. Karl Peters "unhesitatingly claims to have located this year," the golden land, whence Solomon obtained quantities of the precious metal. The exact geographical position of this Hebrew Eldorado has been a subject of doubt and discussion among students of Biblical antiquities for hundreds of years. The truth is that the five passages in which Ophir is mentioned in the historical books of the Old Testament do not furnish sufficient data for arriving at a positive conclusion on the matter in dispute. Indeed all that can be inferred from their contents is that Ophir was a port or country whence the Jews obtained a very fine quality of gold, together with some other rarities; that the ships which went to Tarshish went also to Ophir, that the vessels of Solomon sailed in the company and perhaps under the guidance of King Hiram's "shipmen," that they started from Ezion-geber—a port of the Red Sea—that they required no less than three years to complete the voyage, and that they returned laden with gold, precious stones, apes, peacocks, ivory, and "almug" trees. The problem is, of course, to find a place which will satisfy all those conditions; and to judge from the endless volumes written upon it the question would seem to have taken hold of the imagination of scholars and travellers without number. The historian Josephus thought that Ophir was somewhere in Malacca. Calmet located it in Armenia. Sir Walter Raleigh believed that it was one of the Malacca Islands. Columbus imagined that he had discovered it in Hispaniola. There is a passage in Ben Jonson's "Alchemist" from which it would appear that he supposed it was the Hebrew name of Peru. There is another in the "Paradise Lost" which indicates that Milton was acquainted with the theory which identified it with Sofala in Africa. Vincent Niebuhr, the traveller, and Mr. Twistleton, have urged the claims of Arabia, and Lassen, Max Muller and Ewald have been equally positive in favour of India. More lately still, we have been told that Ophir was no other than Mashonaland, and some curious ruins in that country have been identified with the city and palace of the Queen of Sheba. It is true that Mr. Theodore Bent candidly admits the evidence to be insufficient, and Mr. Selous rejects the "ruined cities" altogether, but a good deal still continues to be written about the connection of Mashonaland with the ancient Hebrews.

Dr. Peters, however, has made up his mind. He will have it that all these conjectures are wide of the mark. According to him, Fura, near the entrance of the Lupata gorge, above 15 miles south of the Zambesi, is the only true Ophir. Indeed, he believes that he has discovered the real King Solomon's Mines—not those, of course, of which Jose Silvestre gave a chart to Allan Quatermain—but the real ones, from which he drew a triennial supply of the finest gold to be had in his day. Dr. Peters says that Fura is the native corruption of the word Afur, by which name the Arabs of the 16th Century knew this part of the African Continent. "Ophir" itself, in his opinion, means mine in Semitic, and Fura signifies the same thing in the dialect of the modern inhabitants of the district. The natives adore the sun and fire, and the country is strewed with ancient ruins of an undoubtedly Semitic type bearing phallic emblems connected with the Semitic sun-worship. The people themselves, moreover, bear no resemblance to the Negro. They have a distinctly Jewish cast of features, from which Dr. Peters infers that they are a cross between the Asiatic conquerors of Solomon's day and the aboriginal races. As for the auriferous properties of the land itself, Dr. Peters says that it is rich not only in alluvial gold, but in magnificent quartz-reefs, and he lays great stress on the shafts and roads cut into the rocks and various other traces of ancient mining operations which came under his observation. Dr. Peters can not be ignorant that this is not the first time that Ophir has been located somewhere in Africa. Huet, who wrote a learned dissertation on the "Commerce and Navigation of the Ancients" was confident that it was in Zanzibar. Many other scholars have upheld the African theory. Indeed Bruce, the traveller, insisted on Ophir being identical with Sofala, principally on the ground that the voyage from Ezion-geber to that country would in consequence of the monsoon winds prevailing in the Indian Ocean, have taken exactly three years—no more and no less in those days. The weight of recent authority however, has been on the side of India and not Africa, and the following passage from Max Muller, on which that scholar following Lassen has pressed the philological aspects of the question with his usual vigour and lucidity is worth quoting:—"A great deal has been written," he says, "to find out where this Ophir was, but there can be no doubt that it was in India. The names for ape, peacock, ivory and almug trees are foreign words in Hebrew, as much as guttapercha and tobacco in English. Now, if we wished to know from what part of the world guttapercha was first imported into England, we might safely conclude that it came from that country where the name guttapercha formed part of the spoken language. If therefore we can find a language in which the names for peacocks, apes, ivory, and almug trees, we may be certain that the country in which that language was spoken must have been the Ophir of the Bible. That language is no other than Sanskrit."

The learned Professor after giving the proofs of these assertions, and showing that algum, that is, sandal wood trees, are indigenous only on the coast of Malabar, he adds that the place where the navy of Solomon and Hiram coming down the Red Sea would naturally have landed was the mouth of the Indus. In this very locality, Ptolemy gives us the name Abiria, above Pattalene. In the same locality, Hindu geographers place the people called Abhira or Ahira, and in the same neighbourhood, Mac Murdo in his "Account of the Province of Cutch" still knows a race of Ahirs, the descendants in all probability of the people who sold to Hiram and Solomon their gold and precious stones, their apes, peacocks and sandalwood. It must be said that these arguments appear to have struck Dean Stanley forcibly, and he has paid the learned Sanskritist the compliment of repeating them in his History of the Jewish Church. Indeed when looked at in the light of previous researches, the cogency of Dr. Peters' reasoning is not at all proportionate to the confidence with which he has announced his discovery. Traces of ancient gold workings may be found in many spots without all of them being identical with Ophir. A real or apparent resemblance in the sounds of geographical names has only too often proved delusive. At least three places in Arabia and two in India have been presumed to be identical with Ophir on that ground. The meaning that Dr. Peters assigns to the word itself may be true or otherwise but Hebrew philologists of great repute do not share his opinion. Gesenuis has maintained that it means 'fruitful region," and Wreede that it only signifies "red." The Jewish cast of features and the "Phallic emblems connected with Semitic sun-worship" are in themselves controversial point and afford very little ground for certainty. At the same time the unquestionably foreign origin of the words for apes, peacocks, ivory and sandalwood in the Hebrew text of the First Book of Kings remains unexplained, and it may be safely said that the latest theory about Ophir falls far short of satisfying the critical tests to which such questions are submitted in the present day.

WE publish to-day notifications issued by the Health Department at the instance of the Municipal Commissioner. The first confirms what we said a few days since on the injurious effect of the failure of the rains on the quality of the water in the three artificial lakes—Tansa, Vehar, and Tulsi—which supply Bombay with water. The public are warned that the water in question contains a considerable quantity of suspended vegetable matter, calculated to increase a certain class of intestinal diseases which are very rife at present. It is recommended that all water should be boiled before being consumed, so as to neutralise the morbific matter held in suspense. That is a precaution that it is very unwise—it might be said without exaggeration that it would be highly dangerous—to neglect especially as the condition of the water in the lakes will continue to deteriorate until the next monsoon effects an improvement. The second notification has reference to the epidemic of small-pox now present in Bombay. Unhappily it is not confined to this city; we hear of many outbreaks in the mofussil. Dr. Weir urges free resort to vaccination and re-vaccination as essential to guard against this loathsome and dangerous disease. There are many persons in Bombay who have never been vaccinated. Others who were vaccinated in childhood have not been re-vaccinated. The general opinion of the medical faculty is that after seven years the practical immunity conferred by vaccination for that period, can no longer be depended upon. Re-vaccination is insisted in Germany in childhood, on attaining the age of twelve, and on entering the army at the age of twenty. This regulation, strictly enforced, has saved Germany from the frightful visitations that have overtaken Leicester, Gloucester, and now Hull, through the wilful refusal of the deluded inhabitants to submit to vaccination. The anti-vaccination crusade has deluded large numbers of people in England with the quite mistaken belief that small-pox has lost its fatal character, and that vaccination is not only useless but injurious. The agitators have gone further and declared with all the confidence of quacks that vaccine is an evil even greater than a visitation of small-pox. When the visitation comes however, the dupes of that false doctrine, seeing people perishing in hundreds and thousands around them, renounce their errors and resort freely to vaccination. When the population is thus protected the epidemic ceases, and does not recur, as it infallibly would if the vaccine conferred no immunity. In certain districts of this Presidency a few years ago the number of the ravages of small-pox were perennial until vaccination became general. The blind and disfigured men and women to be seen in the villages formerly have disappeared since the population generally has obtained a certain measure of protection by the vaccination of the children. But to secure complete immunity the re-vaccination of adolescents and adults is indispensable. We publish in another column a list of the stations at which those desirous of securing themselves against the danger arising from the present outbreak, can be vaccinated on certain days of the week.

SINCE the last issue of the report on agricultural prospects rain has fallen in many parts of India. That will tend to greatly diminish the intensity of distress in the districts fortunate enough to receive showers. In the report up to January 9th not one province in India received a single shower, with the result that agricultural operations have been restricted, and what seed has been sown has largely failed to germinate. The standing crops are more or less ruined for lack of moisture, and it has become more manifest that the authorities will have to face a water famine also in many parts of the Empire. Madras is now beginning to feel the strain, and as a preliminary to further trouble prices have risen. The only places in Bombay Presidency where anything like prosperity abounds is in the irrigated districts, and here the crops promise well. The people in Bengal Presidency have no cause to complain, nor should complaints be heard from the North-Western Provinces. Rain has fallen in parts of Amritsar, Sialkot, Gujrat, Jhelum and Rawalpindi Districts, and however slight may be the fall, yet it is invaluable to agriculturists. In Umballa and Lahore the standing crops are being watered. Water is running short in the Kalapani stream in Dera Ismail Khan, but the recent rains in the Himalayas will renew the current of water. Cattle in this locality are in poor condition, [illegible] in the Central Provinces. Here the prospects of gram, til, cold weather juar are absolutely nil. In many parts the crops are beyond aid, although a seasonable downpour might benefit the wheat somewhat in the north of the province, but it is not likely to do much good in tracts where the crops are in flower. The numbers on relief continue to increase. In Behar and Hyderabad scarcity of water is being increasingly felt, while in Central India the condition of the standing crops, agricultural stock and pasturage is lamentably bad, and prices continue to rise. Many cattle are dying in Rajputana, and the number on relief works swell week by week.

THE Bank of Bombay has yesterday raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 9 per cent.

LAST evening, at the corner of the Mayo Road, facing to the north of the Esplanade Band Stand, His Excellency Lord Sandhurst performed perhaps his last public function in this city, namely that of unveiling a marble statue of the late Mr. Sorabji Shapurji Bengalee, C. I. E., for which, among other objects, the inhabitants had subscribed a sum of Rs. 51,215 about the time of his death. As stated in the short account of the memorial given to his Excellency by one of the honorary secretaries, at the preliminary meeting held after the death of Mr Sorabjee, it was felt that as a journalist, and author, a friend of Education, a social reformer, a member of the Municipal Corporation, an adviser in politics, a pioneer of female medical aid, and a friend of the labouring classes, the late Mr. Bengalee was an admirable and exemplary man, an esteemed and distinguished citizen, and that a public memorial worthy of him was the only suitable recognition of his many-sided services to the city. It was in accordance with a suggestion made by the Rev. Dr. Mackichan at a public meeting, held in the Town Hall, that the committee decided upon a marble statue, and a sum of Rs. 22,000 was set aside for the purpose out of the total subscriptions. The faithfulness of the statue unveiled by Lord Sandhurst to the original was acknowledged by all beholders to be perfect.

THE Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer went to Gurgaon on the afternoon of the 9th. On the 10th, Mr. McGregor drove out with them to show them the Alipur-Ghamranj Bund, and the Raisina Bund. These works will provide labour for 6,500 people daily for six months, and are well worth taking in hand, especially as they would be superior to any tank excavation. On the 11th, the three engineers went out to the Ghata Bund on which 5,000 people are now working. Two camps have been nicely laid out, and sanitary and other arrangements are very good, for which Mr. McGregor, our District Engineer, and Mr. Charters, Civil Surgeon, are to be congratulated. The peculiar soil of the district renders bunds of more use than tanks. A tank excavated in Gurgaon some 3 years ago, and which cost Rs. 60,000 has been useless ever since.

THEY had a grand bear hunt the at Maol Khud some days back. Three bears came down from the hills together. Two swam the river and got away. The third was headed by some sheep dogs; then the villagers turned out, and fired seventeen shots at close quarters, all of which took effect, not on the bear, he was not touched, but on the branch on which the bear was. At the eighteenth round, the branch, which was pretty well riddled, gave way, and down came bear and branch with a crash into the middle of the hunt! However Bruin was at once pinned to the ground by a man with a *jeehu*—a huge sharp pointed pitchfork used by the natives in their bear hunts,—and finished with axes, the skin being, of course, cut to pieces

THE prelude to a series dacoity was an attempt to liberate a dacoit leader undergoing a term of imprisonment in jail. The attempt having failed, the dacoits, who were armed and mounted, rendezvoused in the neighbourhood of village Khatri and attacked the house of one Bhag Ram. The handcuffed and brutally ill-treated the inmates, and having possessed themselves of cash and jewellery valued at over Rs. 4,000 were dispersing, when a party of Jat villagers turned out and after a sharp hand to hand fight in which three villagers were severely hurt, succeeded in capturing one of the gang. In his statement before the magistrate the man has confessed to belonging to a regularly organized gang led by two notorious criminals named Phalru and Lachho, who escaped from the Amritsar Jail in May last.

A DARING robbery was committed on the premises of the Belfast Bank on Dec. 27. Messrs. Munce, a well-known firm of butchers, sent a messenger to pay in 493*l*. 2*s*. Of this sum 400*l*. was in cash, and the remainder in cheques and postal orders. The messenger left the bag containing this money on one counter, and after turning for a moment to another counter he discovered to his dismay that, while his attention had been diverted, the bag had been stolen. Detectives were soon investigating the matter, but no clue appears to have been obtained showing who the robbers are.

LORD DUFFERIN's youngest son has gone out to South Africa, commissioned by a well-known publisher to write a book on the country and the political situation. All Lord Dufferin's sons are now at the front—the Earl of Ava shut up at Ladysmith, and Lord Frederick Blackwood, of the 9th Lancers, with Lord Methuen.

AN interesting ecclesiastical case will be heard early next month in the old parish church of Lewes, when the conduct of public worship at the Church of the Annunciation, Brighton, will be considered by Dr. Tristram, Chancellor of the Diocese of Chichester. The removal of ornaments, crucifixes, and paintings is demanded, and a decision will be asked as to the legality of the ceremonial use of incense. The case will be important, following so soon upon the "opinion" issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

A REUTER telegram from Washington, dated Dec. 26, says:—The Cabinet has decided to construe the Peace Treaty with Spain in the most liberal spirit and to transport from the Philippines to Spain not only all Spanish prisoners falling into the hands of the Americans, but also their families. Besides this all Spanish civil officials and their families will also be conveyed home by the American Government.

A CABINET Minister, recently a guest at Windsor, tells me, says the London correspondent of the "Scotsman," that the Queen seems in this hour of the empire's anxiety to have renewed her "youth like the eagle's." She is full of fire and force. She recognises with pride and pleasure the quiet fortitude with which the nation meets unexpected reverse. But, according to this informant, the thing that touches her Majesty most deeply is the swift, strong, spontaneous rallying of the Colonies round the mother country in her hour of need.

COUNCILLOR OF LEGATION HERR VON TSCHIRSCHKY and Bogendorff, First Secretary to the German Embassy at St. Petersburg, has been raised to the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary. The post in the Foreign Office at present occupied by Councillor of Legation Prince von Lichnowsky, formerly First Secretary to the German Embassy at Vienna, will be filled by Councillor of Legation Count von Puckler, at present First Secretary to the German Embassy in London. Count Puckler will be succeeded by Councillor of Legation Baron von Eckhardstein, already a member of the London Embassy.

A NEWS agency states that the steamship "J. W. Taylor," among whose crew there were several cases of bubonic plague on the voyage from Santos to New York, arrived at Queenstown on Dec. 23. No sickness occurred during the voyage from New York, but the Customs authorities at Queenstown would not clear the vessel, and no one was allowed to land from her until the port medical officer certified that she might be admitted to free pratique. Reuter's Queenstown correspondent states that the Customs authorities have taken no action in regard to the J. W. Taylor, and have given the usual clearance, all on board being well and having a clean bill of health from New York. They placed an officer on board, but the captain and crew are at liberty to visit the shore, and this fact has caused some feeling of anxiety among the townspeople.

THE Pope formally inaugurated the Anno Santo, or Holy Year, on Dec. 25, by performing the ceremony of opening the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. Peter. The service took place in the vestibule of the Cathedral, from which the public were excluded, but in which were assembled the members of the Diplomatic Body, the Roman nobility, and the recipients of special invitations. The ceremony, which occupied two hours and a half, was of an impressive character. The Pope, though looking somewhat careworn, appeared to be in good health.

A PARIS correspondent says that Mahmoud Pasha and his sons are making a short stay in Paris, preparatory to proceeding to London. He had a long interview on Dec. 23 with the Turkish Ambassador, but will not hear of returning to Constantinople, notwithstanding the benevolent promises made on behalf of the Sultan.

THE Vienna correspondent of the *Times* wrote on Dec. 27:—According to information I have received from a well-informed friend who happened to pass through Vienna to-day, a certain number of Russian troops are being sent to the Afghan frontier. He does not believe that Russia means to make any immediate move of importance in that direction. He is rather of opinion that, for the moment, her policy is to "make England's flesh creep," which implies that Russia is preparing to put on the screw in anticipation of further untoward possibilities in South Africa. There might be another explanation—namely, that Russia is desirous of preventing the despatch of British troops from India to South Africa. However that may be, it is, perhaps, in any case as well that the British Government should have decided, as announced in the *Times*, not to draw further reinforcements for the Cape from India.

THE Paris newspapers state that Drs. Kepler and Thebor have informed the Academy of Medicine that, in conjunction with M. Broca, a chemist, they have discovered and tested a specific serum against alcoholism. They claim that the serum, which is extracted from the veins of a horse which has been alcoholised, inspires in the patient an invincible distate for spirituous drinks.

THE site for the Indian cordite factory has been definitely fixed in the small Arvenghat Valley about two miles from Wellington, the ground chosen being such that in case of serious accidents no harm can happen to the public. It is intended to employ electric power in the factory, the Karteri Falls, three miles away, being just what are required for driving turbines, and so actuating dynamos. As we stated a few days ago, the plans for the buildings are being prepared in England, where also the necessary machinery will be indented for, and it will take some three years to build and equip the factory. We trust that no cheese-paring policy will be followed by Government in this matter, for with wars and rumours of more wars it is most important that India should become as self-contained as possible in the matter of ammunition of all kinds. We make our own cartridges now, but the cordite has to be imported from England at a heavy cost. The Goverment Factory at Waltham Abbey cannot supply it in sufficient quantities, and orders have to be placed with private firms. When the explosive is made in India the direct saving to the State will be between three and four lakhs of rupees annually as compared with the outlay on "trade" cordite, a consideration which should go far to induce the Government to push on rapidly with the factory in the Arvenghat valley. Liberal provision should be made in next year's military estimates, so that the buildings may be begun on an extensive scale. This will be a piece of true economy, for the longer the supply of cordite is got from England the longer will be the delay in securing the annual saving we have mentioned. Moreover, the Native Army is to be equipped with the ·303 rifle, firing cordite, and it is imperative that the supply of the explosive should be assured at an early date. Lord Curzon and his Finance Minister have doubtless an anxious time before them owing to the famine, but here is a case where expenditure will soon repay itself.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

GENERAL FRENCH AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

THE BOERS SURPRISED AND THEIR LAAGER SHELLED.

NEWS OF GENERAL GATACRE'S FORCE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

LONDON, JAN. 16, 3-40 P.M.

General French on Monday detached a small force of Cavalry and Artillery to make a reconnaissance to the wagon bridge over the Orange River. The Boers were completely surprised and their laager shelled.

General Gatacre sent a force to hold Molteno which the Boers intended to occupy. They are still in force at Stormberg.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

BOER DESPATCHES FROM LADYSMITH.

AN OMINOUS CALM.

LONDON, JAN. 16.

Boer despatches from Ladysmith, dated the 13th instant, state that there is an ominous calm there and along the Tugela.

Ladysmith appears to be in sore straits, and hence the great activity of the British who have three great camps south of the Tugela which are constantly increasing.

GENERAL PORTER'S MOVEMENTS.

Reuter wiring from Rensburg, on the 14th instant, says that General Porter is steadily shelling the enemy who occupy a strong position between Colesberg and Slingersfontein.

BOER ATTACK ON MAFEKING.

Reuter wiring from Pretoria, on the 14th instant, states that the Boers claim to have attacked and demolished one of our forts at Mafeking on Friday last, and that Commandant Delarey repulsed a British sortie made to the eastward.

CASUALTIES NEAR COLESBERG.

Whilst scouting near Colesberg on the 14th Lieut. Thompson, of the Royal Artillery, and a trooper were wounded and captured.

SICKNESS AT LADYSMITH.

Dysentery is very rife at Ladysmith.

AFFAIRS AT MODDER RIVER.

Reuter wiring from Modder River on the 14th says he usual firing of the Naval gun took place that morning but met with no response.

The health of the troops is good.

REPULSE OF THE BOERS.

LONDON, JAN. 16.

Reuter wiring from Rensburg on the 15th inst. states that the Boers that morning attempted to take a hill held by a company of the Yorkshires and New Zealanders and were repulsed at the point of the bayonet with a loss of 21 killed and about 50 wounded.

THE SHELLING OF COLESBERG ROAD BRIDGE.

LONDON, JAN. 16.

It is officially stated that General French, on Saturday last, sent a force to shell the Colesberg road bridge and returned to the Camp without casualties.

THE BRITISH COLUMN MOVING EASTWARDS.

IMPORTANT NEWS EXPECTED.

Reuter telegraphing from Capetown on the 13th instant, states that there is good reason to believe the correctness of the statement that a movement of a British column, 11,000 strong, has been made eastward from the direction of Weenen, and that we may expect to hear important news shortly.

A NEW BRIDGE FOR THE TUGELA.

A new bridge for the Tugela River has been made at Wednesbury in three weeks, and it will be shipped on Saturday.

GENERAL CARRINGTON.

It is understood that General Carrington receives a high command at the Cape.

BOMBARDMENT OF MAFEKING.

LONDON, JAN. 15.

A message from Pretoria states that the bombardment of Mafeking was resumed by the enemy on the 12th instant.

THE TUGELA OPERATIONS.

Nothing authentic has been received regarding the perations on the Tugela.

The War Office to-night increases the mystery by publishing a despatch from General Buller, dated vaguely Natal, 14th instant, merely repeating that Captains Ford-Hutchinson and Jones, of the Connaught Rangers, are prisoners in Pretoria, and also a heliogram from General White, dated the 14th inst., announcing a few deaths from enteric.

BOERS FEELING ANXIOUS.

ALLAHABAD, JAN. 16.

The London Correspondent of the "Pioneer" wires, London, 15th January:—The 9th King's Rifles, the 1st Irish Militia Volunteer Regiment, mustered 695 from a possible of 700. They embarked for Queenstown on Saturday. A Queensland Contingent, consisting of 160 men and horses, embarked on Friday amid acclamations. The men are of splendid physique, are wealthy and influential, and the pick of the Colony.

The Transvaal Press indicate that the authorities at Pretoria are alarmed at the seriousness of the situation on the western and southern borders. Five hundred Boers have left Natal by way of reinforcement.

A Special Corps of Yeomanry has been started, consisting of gentlemen, who defray their own expenses, devoting their pay to the Widows' Fund. The Duke of Cambridge accepts the presidency of the committee. Over 100 applications were received on Saturday, one of the applicants offering £2,000 and a galloping Maxim.

LORD METHUEN'S COMMAND.

DETAILS OF THE SUFFOLKS DISASTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 16.

The "Indian Daily News" cablegram, dated London 15th, states that the situation in the British camp at the Modder is impossible, the troops having completely lost confidence in their Commander. The indignation of the Highlanders in particular over the Tugela blunder being so great that they refuse to salute Lord Methuen.

The "Times" says that private letters show the necessity of a change in the command.

General Babington's reconnaissance into the Orange Free State was very successful. Three farms were burnt and valuable information collected.

Details of the Suffolks disaster show that although General French's consent to the movement proposed by Colonel Watson was obtained only three hours before the start, the enemy were informed in time to lay in ambush. Captain Brett's company charged Schanz, where the enemy were concealed, and then the order to retire was shouted from the Boer lines, the rear companies being unable to see what was happening in the dark thought that it came from their own officers and accordingly returned to the camp leaving their advanced comrades at the enemy's mercy.

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THE SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 16.

The business before next Friday's Legislative Council meeting is likely to comprise the passing of the Indian Articles of War Bill, the presentation of Select Committee's Reports on the Transfer of Property Bill and Prisoners Bill, and referring to Select Committees of the Assam Emigration Bills and Mines Bill. The measures about which difference of opinion is likely to arise are the Assam Emigration Bills, which introduce a provision raising the minimum wage to which the tea industry strongly objects and the Mines Bill which puts restrictions on employment of labour in mines which most of the mining companies consider unnecessary.

LEAVE TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

No orders have been issued in any of the departments curtailing leave to those on medical certificate and urgent private affairs as alleged to-day, by the "Englishman," and no official confirmation of the report is forthcoming, though it is no doubt a case that in consequence of famine in India and war in South Africa leave to Government Officers will be sanctioned sparingly.

THE COTTON CROP IN THE NIZAM'S TERRITORY.

The cotton crop in the Nizam's territory is estimated at only 28 per cent. of the average and the Director-General of Statistics now reports that even this estimate will probably need further revision owing to drought.

CROP PROSPECTS IN NORTHERN INDIA.

Rain of the past few days throughout Northern India is expected to do an incalculable good, and is in time to permit further sowings in the Punjab, though too late to save the standing crops in the Central Provinces.

THE ADVOCATE-GENERAL OF MADRAS.

Her Majesty the Queen-Empress has approved of the appointment of Mr. John Power Wallis as Advocate-General of Madras.

COLLECTIVE ARTILLERY FIRING AT POONA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JAN. 16.

Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Low, accompanied by his staff, paid a visit to the Artillery practice camp at Hinjouri, and spent some hours. The General witnessed the collective firing of artillery, and other operations returning late in the afternoon. The collective firing is pronounced to be very good this year.

FIELD FIRING.

The troops in the garrison, of Poona and Kirkee, together with artillery, will have field-firing at Hinjouri, on the 18th and the 19th instant.

A HOCKEY MATCH.

A hockey match between officers of British and Native Regiments was played on the Gymkhana Ground before a large number of spectators. The game promised to be a good one, but the combination of the latter team was not equal to that of their opponents and resulted in their defeat by four goals to love.

A DURBAR AT RANGOON.

RANGOON, JAN. 16.

A durbar was held at Rangoon last night when several Burmese received honours and rewards. Mr. Fryer, in the course of his address, said that the surplus paddy crop available for export was the largest on record, thus enabling us again to come to the help of India. He announced that arrangements were made for the renewal of the expiring forest cases on terms more favourable to Government. Many present restrictions in the forest rules would be removed by the Bill which would come before the Council next year. He spoke at length of the sound financial condition of the province and freedom from disturbance from dacoits. It is possible to state that no organized gang of dacoits exists anywhere in the province. He also said that 300 mounted infantry, drawn from the three British Regiments in Burma are being sent to the assistance of our country in South Africa. That the country has been able to spare this small contingent when the British garrison is short of one regiment shows that Burma is now quiet. It is also a very practical demonstration of great advantage that is derived from the volunteer force as, if there were no volunteers at hand, he doubted, that the country could venture to reduce its garrison. No doubt volunteers were all eager to go to the front but, though they are, as yet, denied the opportunity of doing so, they may comfort themselves with the certainty that they are very useful at home. It is not so very long ago that Burma was a source of some anxiety to the Empire to which it now is a source of strength, and in the same way it is to be hoped that the sacrifices that are being made in South Africa may hereafter tend to the strengthening of the Empire, and that the present enemies—the Boers—may eventually be found as loyal to England as the colonies that are now fighting in line with us.

NOVELTY THEATRE.

The Taylor-Carrington season at this theatre has been so successful that the management have determined to prolong it for ten nights; and, as an additional attraction, they have secured the services of the American Globe Trotters, a strong combination of specialists that have just concluded a most successful season in Calcutta, and who are now on their way Home. Among the members of this company is the celebrated horizontal bar performer, Marlo, who is described by our Calcutta exchanges as being a perfect marvel in his particular style of performance. He executes with ease the most difficult feats on the triple bars, and introduces quite a number of entirely new exhibitions, among which is the very difficult and dangerous one of turning a somersault over the middle bar, while he is in the air travelling from the first bar to the third. "Marlo's" companion star is the world-famous trick bicyclist Mr. Sid Black, whose performances seem to have caused quite a furore in Calcutta, judging by the following extract from the "Asian" of Nov. 14, 1899—"All Calcutta has seen Mr. Sid Black by this time, and, as a natural consequence, all Calcutta has wondered. When Olaf Schrader visited us last season we all thought that the limit of trick cycling had been reached—but no! Sid Black comes along this season with the American Globe Trotters, and puts all the previous performances of other trick cyclists completely in the shade. To describe his tricks is impossible, they baffle description as much as they astonish and compel admiration. In short Mr. Sid Black's performances so far surpass anything that we have hitherto seen that they almost make one doubt the evidence of one's eyesight." Both the Star performers we have alluded to appear to-night in conjunction with the Taylor-Carrington Company's presentment of the great farcical comedy, "A Husband's Night Out" so there is no doubt that the patrons of the Novelty Theatre to-night will get wonderful value for their admission rate.

STATUE OF THE LATE MR. S. S. BENGALEE.

UNVEILING BY H. E. LORD SANDHURST.

The ceremony of unveiling the marble statue of the late Mr. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee, C.I.E., which has been placed in position at the north corner of the Mayo and Band Stand Roads, was performed last evening by his Excellency the Governor in the presence of a large and influential assemblage of the citizens of Bombay. An extensive shamiana had been erected by the Executiv eEngineer, Presidency, for the accommodation of the guests, for whom thirteen hundred seats had been provided. It had a high ornamental gateway with the word "Welcome" at the top, which was decorated with turrets and bannerets. Immediately opposite was erected an elegant dais, surmounted by the Royal coat-of-arms, and by a tower over which waved the Union Jack. The shamiana was further decorated with rows of plants in tubs and pots, and with venetian poles tripped with coloured bannerets. Mr. Bengalee's adopted son, Mr. Nowrojee, and his three daughters were present on the occasion. Among others present were Sir Charles Ollivant, Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Sir George Cotton, Sir Jehangir C. Jehangir, the Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons, the Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe, the Hon. Mr. Justice Tyabjee, the Hon. Mr. Vijbhucadas Atmaram, the Hon Mr. Bomanjee D. Petit, the Hon. Mr. N. G. Chandawarker, the Hon. Mr. Burke, the Hon. Mr. G. K. Parekh, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, the Rev. Father Dalhoff, Dastoor Dorab Peshotun, Messrs. Nowrojee Jehangir Gamadia, D. R. Chichgar, Harkisondas Narotumdas, Nowrojee Sorabjee Bengalee, Jamsetjee Cursetjee Jamsetjee, Vithaldas Damoder Thakersey, Jeejeebhoy Framjee Petit, Dr. Thomas Blaney, Dr. John Pollen, Messrs. Rustomjee Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Dady Nasarwanjee Dady, the Rev. Dhunjibhoy Nowrojee, Messrs. Jamsetjee Bomonjee Wadia, Dady Manockjee Limjee, James Douglas, A. F. Turner, J. W. Smith, Fairlie Bruce, Professor Muller, Messrs. Sorabjee E. Warden, M. E. Morris, Dadabhoy Merwanjee Jeejeebhoy, Mirza Abbas Ali Baig, Dr. Framjee Shapurjee, Dr. Jeejeebhoy Nicholson, Dr. K. E. Dadachanjee, Messrs. Jeejeebhoy M. Jeejeebhoy, Kaikhosru D. Framjee, Furdoonjee Framjee Karaka, Jugmohundas Vurjiwandas, Manoredas T. Vurjivandas, Hormusjee C. Coorlawalla, Hormusjee Sorabjee, Haji Sulleman Abdool Vahed, Rao Bahadur Ellapa Ballaram, Messrs. D. E. Watcha, G. K. Desai, K. N. Kabrajee, Shapurjee Sorabjee, Sorabjee B. Master, Dr. Ruttonsha T. Nariman, Messrs Dinsha Jamsetjee Parakh, K. R. Cama, [illegible]aranjee Dwarkadas, R. J. Tata, Hassunbhoy Visram, Rao Bahadur Ganesham Nilkunt, Messrs. Ardesir Framjee Unwalla, G. A. Kittredge, Ruttonsha Dadabhoy, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Messrs. Framjee Dorabjee Panday, Jehangir Bomoojee Petit, C. D. Rustomjee, Virchand Dipchand, C.I.E., H. S. Dikshit, Eduljee Rustomjee Reporter, Muljee B. Barbhaya, Khan Bahadur M. C. Murzban, C.I.E., &c.

At 5 p.m., H. E. the Governor, who was accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mr. Jackson, drove over to the shamiana from the Secreteriat, where he had been transacting public business during the day; and was welcomed by the committee of the memorial fund, including Messrs. James Douglas, Dharamsi Morarjee Goculdas, Harkisondas Narotumdas, and D. R. Chichgar. On his Excellency being escorted to his seat on the ornamental dais, the Band, stationed on the west side of the shamiana, played a selection, and the proceedings of the evening commenced.

Mr. D. R. Chichgar stepping forward at the foot of the dais said:—Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—We have solicited your attendance here to-day that you might, by your gracious presence and countenance, enhance the importaance we attach to the ceremony of unveiling this statue, designed to perpetuate amongst us in a material form the memory of our late townsman Mr. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee, C. I. E. who earned—and earned most deservedly—the profound respect and deep and abiding affection of all classes of the community of this Presidency. Some unavoidable delay has occurred in carrying into effect the wishes of the numerous subscribers, but regrettable as this may be in some respects the interval which has elapsed has only served to testify, as time and experience alone can, to the eminently useful character of the services of our late friend as a citizen of the first order. In requesting your Excellency to unveil this statue the Committee of the Memorial Fund desire to place before your Lordship a short account of the movement. The evening after the death of our late lamented friend a preliminary meeting was held to consider the steps to be taken to perpetuate his memory. It was universally felt that as a journalist, an author, a friend of education, a social reformer, a municipal Councillor, an adviser in politics, a pioneer of female medical aid, and a friend of the labouring classes, Mr. Bengalee was an admirable and exemplary man, a most esteemed and distinguished citizen, and that a public memorial worthy of him was the only suitable recognition of his many-sided services to the City and its people. In accordance with a numerously signed requisition, a public meeting of the inhabitants of Bombay was convened through the Sheriff in the Town Hall on the 17th April, 1893; the late Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy presided. Among those who addressed the meeting were Dr. Mackichan Dr. Blaney, Messrs. Acworth, G. Kittridge, and others, who dwelt feelingly on the excellent qualities of head and heart of the late Mr. Bengalee, and a Committee was appointed to collect subscriptions for raising a fund to perpetuate Mr. Bengalee's memory. To the credit of Mr. Bengalee's popularity it may be stated that the total collections amounted to Rs. 51,215. In accordance with a suggestion which had been made by Dr. Mackichan at the public meeting, the Committee decided upon a marble statue as the most suitable form the memorial should take and a sum of Rs. 22,000 was set aside for this purpose. This left in the Committee's hands a large balance and it was resolved to hand over a sum of Rs. 25,000 to the Joint Schools' Committee for the purpose of providing a building for the Municipal Churney Road Girls' School to be named the Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee Churney Road Girls' School. There still remained a small balance which the Committee desired should go towards the maintenance of the building of the Bhicaiji Bengalee Girls' School. Thus practically the Committee has been able to provide three memorials out of the funds collected—the present likeness of their esteemed and respected friend, an entirely new building for a school in furtherance of the cause of female education, and the maintenance of a building for a girls' school which he had himself endowed. The statue is the work of the eminent artist, Mr. Thomas Brock, R. A., and every one who has the recollection will say it is a very faithful and excellent likeness. For the excellent site on which the statue stands the Committee feels very grateful to your Excellency's Government. If by this likeness that your Excellency will to-day unveil, posterity profits by the example of a character formed of unfailing independence, high moral sense, true philanthropic spirit, sincerely sympathetic nature, a real love for helping the poor and the needy, a true yearning for the diffusion of knowledge among his countrymen, the Committee will be amply recompensed for their efforts the performancce of a solemn duty to the worth of one of Bombay's noblest sons—the late Mr. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee, C.I.E. (Applause.)

His Excellency Lord Sandhurst, in addressing the meeting, said: Gentlemen of the Committee,—I shall have to claim your indulgence this afternoon for a very short time, because I am under great difficulties in speaking having caught an excessively bad cold. That may be perhaps an advantage in one respect for I shall keep you, as I have said, for a much shorter space of time than I should like to have done on such an important and interesting occasion as this. I cannot well think of any character in Bombay to which I would more willingly do honour than that of Mr. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee whose memory we are to perpetuate this afternoon. I had not as you all know the very great advantage of the personal acquaintance of Mr. Bengalee because unhappily he died before I began my term of office in this country but the greater part of you were well acquainted with him and I have heard in high terms, not only from those whose birth-place and habitation in this country, but also from many of my own countrymen of his great and sterling merit. I have had to-day a letter put into my hand from a gentleman Mr. Donald Graham, the head of the firm of Messrs. Graham and Company, and he writes in terms so truly expressing what must be the sense of this meeting that I think I cannot do better than read the few lines he has written. He says, "I had the advantage of a very intimate acquaintance with Mr. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee during my residence in Bombay and I afterwards kept it up by correspondence. I have never met a man who has more highly appealed to my feelings of respect and admiration for his broad grasp of the many subjects he took into his active mind to consider and the generous sympathy with which he treated all matters of a personal kind. I shall always look back to his memory with the deepest feelings of regret." Now, Gentlemen of the Committee, I congratulate you on the site you have obtained for raising this statue of your deceased friend. It is in every way worthy of his great services to this city and it will mark for all time the respect you have paid to the high qualities of Mr. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee. It is unnecessary for me to go through a detailed history of the career of this distinguished gentleman. I might remark, however, that being brought up to a commercial career, a hurried visit to England brought out still more clearly the great mental capacity of the man, and he turned his mind to some of the problems of the time. He turned his eyes to far greater things, and to matters of far wider scope than those of his own, business pursuits (Applause.) One of the great subjects to which he turned his attention was the question of medical treatment through the aid of female doctors and I do not know whether his colleague of those days is here, but to Mr. Kittredge if he is here it must be very gratifying indeed to see this gathering and to think of the object of it. (Applause.) In addition to this Mr. Sorabjee was quick to perceive that ernest effor s must be made for the reform of the home and for female advancement and with that object he was foremost, as you Mr. Darasha Chichgar, have told us in the promotion of female education. He was, I believe, for five years the chairman or the leader of female education movement, which led to the building of the Bai Bhikhaijee Bengalee School, and if the generosity of his friends and public-spirited citizens had not raised the present memorial, the school in itself, would indeed, have been a fitting monument to the memory of your deceased and beloved friend. He also, as we know, extended his purview to several matters of legislation in which the Parsee community was interested and also I believe, it was on the lines laid down by him that the Municipal Act finally took its shape. He was also instrumental in bringing about the factory legislation which has done so much to improve the condition of a certain class of society. It is not too much to say, ladies and gentlemen, that he actively engaged in every movement for the social, moral and intellectual improvement not only of the poorest, but also of those who are of higher position and greater possessions and in these directions his energies were absolutely untiring. But there is another element in his character beyond this, which was briefly noticed and it is one of which we may take special note in the present day, and that was the courage which was so dominant in his own nature. (Hear, hear.) It was not for him sufficient that he should take up some popular cry of the moment, or something which excited popular enthusiasm at the time. The moment that Mr. Sorabjee Bengalee discovered that any grievance called for redress or that in any direction there was room for improvement, in which perhaps not only his own countrymen but his own particular community were going astray, he had the courage of his opinions to tell them so and to endeavour to bring them on to the right line again. (Hear, hear.) We know well that on one or two occasions, as it must inevitably happen in the case of those who have the courage of their opinions and who persist in their views, he became unpopular. We have seen that such persons become unpopular in all parts of the world. Undeterred by the passing wave of unpopularity and strong in his own conviction of what was morally right and what was best for those whom he was advising, Mr Bengalee adhered in a most determined manner to the line which he had worked out for himself, and to his undying honour he gained for himself the regard of all for whom he worked, without failing to advance the cause which he had at heart. (Cheers.) I can only say—and I say it with diffidence—many of you who for many years were his associates and his close friends—mourn him as the best private and public friend the community ever had—that this gentleman was a man of the purest and loftiest aims. It was not so much by munificent donations which he had been able to give either in the direction of building hospitals or schools, or beautifying what is perhaps the most beautiful city in the world that he made his mark, but because he had laboured by his own characters, and his own devotien so much for the good of those who were left behind him. His example was so admirable that I again congratulate you, gentlemen, on the honour you have done to yourselves in the successful erection of this statue, which I am now about to unveil. (Cheers.)

Lord Sandhurst then unveiled the statue, amidst the applause of those present, by pulling down by means of a string the crimson curtain which had draped it. The faithfulness of the statue to the original must have struck all beholders as perfect. The Band played a selection at the unveiling ceremony.

The Hon. Mr. Chandavarkar, in proposing a vote of thanks to Lord Sandhurst, said:—Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have been asked by the Managing Committee of the Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengalee Memorial Fund to propose a hearty vote of thanks to his Excellency Lord Sandhurst for kindly presiding on this memorable occasion. (Cheers.) I call this occasion memorable advisedly, for this ceremony commemorates the memory of one of the most memorable of Bombay's men, (Loud cheers.) And it is a fitting close to the career of H. E. Lord Sandhurst among us, (Cheers,) My Lord, your Lordship has presided during these five years at various functions, and some of them or perhaps most of them have been more important than this; but though this is the last of those functions and perhaps the humblest, I consider it the holiest—the holiest because you have unveiled the statue of one who lived a good and godly life—(cheers)—and whose life and life's work were animated by the holy principle of "Toil and Trust." (Loud cheers.) Sorabjee toiled for the good of his fellows and trusted that good work would fructify. (Hear, hear.) How may it not be said that his Excellency Lord Sandhurst has during these five years toiled and trusted among us? (Hear, hear, and cheers.) We sometimes speak of what are called the conditions of modern civilised life and are proud that we live under those conditions. But there is one serious drawback to those conditions. We live in masses, we move in masses, we think in masses and think very little of the value and good of great men and striking personalities. (Hear, hear.) Like the newspaper we had with our morning's tea, we read or see to-day and forget to-morrow—(laughter)—because we live at high pressure and events and lives more fast. And we are thus in danger of forgetting the great and good men that have been among us. A striking illustration of this is afforded by what occurred at a meeting of our Municipal Corporation some months ago. Well, I for one am proud of our Corporation and have great respect for our Municipal Councillors. I have always thought of them as our Municipal fathers. But they have one weakness—they sometimes nod like Homer—(laughter)—and when they nod they dream—(laughter)—and when they dream—they fancy that though they are our Municipal fathers they themselves had no fathers before them (Loud laughter and cheers.) And so some months ago they fancied that Sorabjee Shapoorjee Bengalee had done nothing for Municipal reform in Bombay. Well, Sorabjee was one of the fathers of our Municipal fathers—he was one of the earliest pioneers of Municipal reform in Bombay—(loud cheers)—; and I for one shall never forget the occasion when in the seventies that tall and imposing figure leaning against the statue of Mountstuart Elphinstone in the Town Hall spoke with all the moral indignation of a moral man against the Municipal mismanagement of the day. (Loud cheers.) However, let that pass for it is, perhaps, past history. Sorabjee was a people's man; he lived for the poor, the weak, the struggling, but he never ran after popularity—rather, he let popularity run after him if it chose (Hear, hear and cheers.) It is the fate of such men to be at times misunderstood, and Sorabjee was on one occasion grievously misunderstood by his community. Whether the community was right or he was right I will not undertake on the present occasion to say, but the point I wish to emphasise is this—the queit dignity with which he bore himself standing firm like a rock, faithful to his own conviction during the time that the storm of calumny and criticism raged fiercely round him showed his magnanimous meekness—(loud cheers)—and exemplified the truth of Emerson's wise observation, "To be misunderstood is to be great." (Cheers.) Ladies and Gentlemen, I shall not detain you longer, His Excellency Lord Sandhurst has honoured the native community of Bombay by taking part in this ceremony. His Lordship's name as we know, will ever worthily stand associated among us with what is rightly called the City Improvement Trust of Bombay. That Trust works with the object of re-making Bombay—giving this City good buildings, wide roads, and everything calculated to adorn it and make it healthier than it has been, But I take his Excellency's presence on the present occasion to remind us also that while good buildings, wide roads, and so on may re-make Bombay, these will be merely the body and the body will be useless unless it is replenished by a good life and a good soul. And we shall never be able to re-make Bombay unless we are animated by the principle which actuated the life and the lifes works of such men as Sorabjee Shapoorjee Bengalee, (Loud others,) They are our life—they are our soul—their's is the spirit that ought to quicken us, (Loud cheers,) His Excellency has given to us in his speech not merely a delineation but a faithful picture of this great and good man, and may it be ours to live worthy of the lives of such men. I now move a hearty vote of thanks to his Excellency, (Loud cheers.)

His Excellency Lord Sandhurst in reply said: Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am very much obliged for the vote of thanks which has just been proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Chandavarkar. I observe that a vote of thanks, as a rule, entails a second speech. But you need be in no wise dismayed, for I have not the slightest intention of making one beyond saying that it has been a genuine pleasure and distinction to me to be the means of unveiling the statue, the curtain of which I have just drawn aside. There was one feature in the character of Mr. Bengalee upon which I meant to comment, but it escaped me, and that is, that I have been told that although his means were not very large he did give away a great deal in the way of charity. But it was done in such a quiet and unassuming manner, that in most cases the public never knew that he was giving away, and the recipients were equally unaware from whom the help came. That was another feature of his noble career. I should have been sorry, indeed, if, owing to the statue not being ready and my departure being so close at hand, I had been denied the pleasure of unveiling the statue this evening. (Cheers.)

At the close of the proceedings Mr. Bengalee's adopted son, Mr. Nowrojee, and the deceased gentleman's three daughters as well as other ladies and gentlemen were introduced to his Excellency by Mr. D. R. Chichgar. The Band then played the National Anthem, and the proceedings terminated.

EXPLOSION ON BOARD THE ABYSSINIA.

FOUR MEN INJURED.

A serious gun accident occurred on board her Majesty's Turret-Ship Abyssinia, yesterday, outside the harbour, in the course of target firing practice. The Abyssinia left her moorings about 6-30 a.m. and steamed out to the firing ground and practice was commenced. About eleven operations were commenced with the eight-inch guns, and in the foremost turret a shell exploded prematurely as it was being adjusted in the breech. Fortunately the charge had not been placed inside or the effect would have been more disastrous. As it was three bluejackets and a lascar were seriously injured, one poor fellow, it is feared, beyond hope of recovery. The escape of the other men is marvellous and Lieut. Courage was felled to the ground by the force of the explosion, but was uninjured.

The injured men were attended to by the Surgeon of the Magdala, who was on board, and the Abyssinia immediately returned to harbour. The injured men were landed at the Ballard Pier, in charge of the Surgeon, and three of them were conveyed to the European General Hospital, the lascar being sent to Goculdas Tejpal Hospital for teatment.

GRAND CYCLING CARNIVAL.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES CYCLING CLUB.

The Grand Cycling Carnival instituted and fostered under the care of Sergeant Major Downing was a complete success in every way and that gentleman as secretary of the B. V. R. Cycle Club deserves the best thanks of the public for the masterful manner in which he arranged affairs on the Marine Lines Maidan last evening. In all there were seven events on the programme, in which there were two excellent displays by the boys of St. Mary's College—one of clubs and the second a musical lantern maze. The cyclist first passed round the goal in a fancy dress parade and later on in the grand musical ride, a innovation, we believe, of Sergt.-Major Downing. During one of the intervals Mr. Syd Black, the professional trick rider, treated the gathering to a series of extraordinarily clever and astonishing feats, treating his machines as if they were practically unbreakable.

Taking the dresses as a whole neither the variety nor numbers of entrants were as unique and large as at previous shows but still some were distinctly good. That of Mrs. Downing, a chariot drawn by butterflies being exceedingly superb. An unfortunate accident with the lights, however, at the very commencement set the decorations on fire and the rider had a narrow escape of being severely injured. Miss Jones as a New South Wales Lancer was distinctly good and in keeping with the war fever of the day, and Miss Mungavin as Pansy was very prettily and tastefully got up. Of the comic costumes Mr. Nicholson a Parsee gentleman, as Persian cut, was delightfully original, while Brook's Monkey Brand proved amusing.

Mr. Sheriar Aspandiar held the attention of the crowd with his giant phonograph during the interval, the Band of the Marine Battalion playing the accompaniment to the drills and rides. The police arrangements were excellent and served much towards comfortable enjoyment of the entertainment by those present.

At the conclusion of the programme Mrs. Ventris very kindly distributed the prizes to the successful competitors, the Carnival being brought to a close by three cheers each for Mrs. Ventris and Major Nicholson of the B. V. Rifles.

The following are the names of the successful competitors:—

FOR THE BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVELY DECORATED LADY'S BICYCLE.

Mrs Roberts	1
Mrs Radenhurst	2
Miss Burrows	3
Miss P Jones	4
Mrs Harvey	5
Miss Gill	6

GENTLEMEN.

Mr Claridge	1
Mr Hamilton	2
Mr Corbett	3
Mr L O F Sealy	4

BEST DECORATED AND MOST EFFECTIVE COSTUME FOR LADIES.

Miss Mungavin	1
Miss Davey	2
Mrs Bountiff	3

GENTLEMEN.

Mr Bountiff	1
Mr Sutherland	2

BEST COMIC COSTUME.

Mr Nicholson	1
Mr English	2

AFFINITY STAKES.

Miss Vardon and Mr. Thomosom	1

SPECIAL COSTUME PRIZE.

Mrs Burrows	1
Mrs Carpenter	2
Miss Tooth	3
Miss Brown	4

Miss Jones (N S Wales Lancer) special prize.

THE BOMBAY WATER-SUPPLY.

At the instance of Mr. Harvey the Municipal Commissioner, and the Health Officer Dr. Weir, has issued the following notice:—

Owing to the scanty rainfall and the low level of the Lakes, the water-supply contains a large quantity o vegetable matter in suspension.

Although every practicable means is taken to remove the vegetable impurity, it is advisable, looking at the abnormal season, to boil the water as an easy and effectual way of purifying it.

This precaution is the more necessary as diseases of the bowels have a tendency to be prevalent at this season. Water from the Lakes, after boiling, is wholesome and safe to drink.

THE OUTBREAK OF SMALL-POX.

VACCINATION AND RE-VACCINATION.

The Health Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Weir, I.M.S. has issued the following notice:—

As small-pox is prevalent, the people are earnestly advised and urged to avail themselves of the protection afforded by Vaccination. Those who have been vaccinated a few years ago ought to be re-vaccinated. There are numerous stations where vaccination is carried on, and to increase the facilities for Vaccination, animals are sent to different localities by the Vaccination Department. The following is a list of the free public Vaccine Stations and the hours of attendance:—

Days.	Place of Vaccine Stations.	Working Hours.		
		A.M.		A.M.
Monday	J J Hospital Compound Police Station, DeLima Street, Mazagon	7	to	10
Tuesday	No 136, Duncan Road, Khara Talao	7	to	10
	Lowjee Wadia Charitable Dispensary, Parel Tramway Terminus	8-30	to	10-30
Wednesday	No 159, Kalbadevi Road opposite the Market Post Office No 78, Abdul Rahiman Street, Parsi Agiary, Chukla	7	to	10
Thursday	Gratuitous Dispensary, Hornby Road, Fort	8-30	to	10-30
	No 79, 8th St., Kamathipura	7	to	10
Friday	Police Court Girgaum	7	to	10
	Mr Wasudeo Jagannath's Bungalow, Mahim (near the Railway Station, Dadar)	8-30	to	10-30
Saturday	Shankarshet's Charitable Dispensary, Chowpatty (near the Grant Road station)	8-30	to	10-30
	No 41, Umarkhadi Road	7	to	10
Sunday	No 159, Kalbadevi Road, opposite the Market Post Office	7 and daily between 2 and 5 p.m.	to	10

B N.—For particulars with respect to vaccination at private residences, apply to the Superintendent of Vaccination, No. 159, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

TRADE IN 1899.

INCREASE IN RATES OF FREIGHT.

LONDON, DEC. 29.

While the plain branches of the lace trade have been marked by considerable activity throughout the whole year, there has been a good deal of variation in the condition of the fancy lace departments. At the close of 1898 the plain net trade was in a prosperous state. Manufacturers had excellent orders in their books, and were making satisfactory prices for their goods. The demand has been well maintained throughout the present year. It is true that the pressure of orders has somewhat abated, but at no time has it been necessary to reduce production, and plain net machinery throughout the year has been kept fully employed. Both bubbin and mosquito nets have met with a continuous sale many of the goods having been sent abroad to be embroidered. Quotations have remained firm, and have been distinctly in favour of sellers. There have been considerable operations in spotted nets, and from time to time fair quantities of Mechlin and Brussels tulles have been disposed of, but the more important orders have been for bobbin and mosquito nets. The stiff foundation nets have only met with a limited sale. The goods are used for bonnet shapes, and fashions have been decidedly adverse to the sale of these goods. The fancy lace trade has been subject to considerable fluctuations. At the commencement of the year the demand was quiet. Some of the finer qualities of valenciennes laces sold pretty freely, but the general demand was disappointing. For such varieties as torchon, Bretonne, Maltese, and point de Paris only a moderate sale was experienced. As the year advanced orders came in a little more freely. Some novelties in the Renaissance and duchesse styles were shown, and manufactures were hopeful of a good summer trade. The weather in the spring, however, proved unpropitious, and the demand was checked. When, towards the end of May, more favoraable weather prevailed, it was too late to encourage the placing of repeat orders. A marked improvement was noticeable in the autumn, and from that time to the end of the year most of the Lever machines were kept well employed. Some inconvenience was indeed caused by delay in the execution of orders and machine holders have at times found it difficult to procure competent men to work their frames. This was mainly due to the fact that during the depressed periods of the lace trade many lacemakers had been tempted into the cycle and other industries.

Torchon and Irish guipure laces met with a good sale, but the Valenciennes style remained relatively most popular. Good orders were placed for warp, American, and crochet laces. Manylaces were finished in one or other of the fashionable tints, such as ivory, butter, ecru, and cream. Business in silk fancy laces has remained quiet throughout the whole of the year. The Chantilly style has sold to some extent, but neither for those goods nor for the guipure, blonde, or Spanish makes has there at any time been a really healthy demand. There has been a very large trade doing during the year in various descriptions of mad eup goods, such asruffles and other neckwear blouses, mob caps, and fancy aprons. This business now forms an important branch of the local industry, and during the last twelve months employment could have been found for more female labour than was available. The inadequacy of the supply of girls skilled in the use of the sewing machine has indeed formed the subject of discussion in the Nottingham Chamber of Commerce, but as yet there has been no practical outcome of the suggestions submitted. The curtain trade has at no period of the year been really buoyant. A steady business has been done, but the full resources of manufacturers have never been taxed, and the keen competition has kept prices at an unsatisfactory level. The employment of finishers has been considerably augmented by the arrival of curtain goods from other districts. Speaking generally the lace trade in 1899, although in some instances distinctly disappointing, was certainly not worse than during the preceding year or two.

The year just ended has been in Sheffield and district one of unexampled prosperity. In all the heavy branches there has heen an abundance of work, and in some departments it has been found almost impossible to comply with the requirement of customers. All the lighter industries have experienced a better year than in 1898, and a few of them have not known more prosperous times. It is satisfactory to be able to state that the twelve months has passed without any serious labour trouble. Referring more in detail to the work of the year, armour-plate firms have been extremely busy, the works having been kept going almost continuously. Makers of shells, both lyddite and common shells have been kept fully employed, and with them, as with armour-plate manufacturers, they are all well booked up with orders. There has been a fairly steady demand for railway material throughout the year. Home companies have been good customers, and some excellent orders have come from the colonies, India, China, South America, and the chie places of the continent of Europe. As to iron, the trade has gone on increasing right through the year, and as a result prices have advanced considerably, until now West Coast hematites, selling at 67s. 6d. on the 1st January, are now making 93s. 6d.; and common forge, which was making 49s. 6d. at the beginning of the year, is now realising 72s. 6d. Makers generally say that the increases are fully justified by the greater cost of production. In the steel trade the year opened with plenty of work, and as the months have gone on the volume has increased, and the year closes with more orders on hand than can possibly be executed for many months to come. Bessemer billets, suitable for Sheffield trades, which stood at £6 to £6 10s. at the beginning of the year, are now quoted at £9 to £10, and Siemens-Martin steel has advanced from £6. 10s. to £10 and £10. 10s. The year closes with very low stocks of Swedish iron and steel, and the demand is still altogether outside the means of supply. In cutlery there has been a great falling off in the demand from America and South Africa, but business, has been good with other markets, and the trade generally, especially in better-class goods, has been far better than in 1898. The cheapness of silver has led to the manufacture of large quantities of goods in that metal that were formerly made in electro plate. Engineering firms have been busy, and in all the various industries in the city and district fewer men have been unemployed than for some years past.

In his address before the Royal Statistical Society, Mr. G. H. Wood brought out the fact that periods of bad trade were occurring more frequently in this country than they used to occur before. Dealing with working-class progress from 1860 to 1896, he said that many trade union officials held the view that trade depressions were more frequent now than formerly, and that the cycle which formerly lasted ten years now lasted seven or eight. The speaker said there seemed good ground for this view, for since 1877 the country had been through three trade depressions in twenty-two years. Employment was certainly less regular, and though there had been a real advance in the standard of living, it was only the present decade that the signs of progress equalled those of the first fifteen or sixteen years of the period he was dealing with. Mr. Llewelyn Smith, head of the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, took part in the discussion, and questioned whether trade depressions were occurring with greater frequency. If that had been the case in the early part of the period dealt with, the experience of more recent years would, he thought, lead to the belief that bad trade would occur at longer instead of lesser intervals in future.

A general increase in the rates of freight by the regular steamship lines between Glasgow and Liverpool on and after January 1 is announced. The steamers running between Glasgow and Manchester belong to the same lines, and as the reason assigned for the advanced—"increased working expenses"—applies equally to them it is understood that a similar advance in rates between Glasgow and the Canal is contemplated. There is strong feeling in some quarters that these rates are already excessive, and that they handicap unnecersarily the trade from which the steamers draw a very large part of their traffic namely the Scotch calico-printing industry. The goods haveto bear the cost of carriage twice over namely from Lancashire to Scotland and back again. Some time ago one or two large calico printers having failed to obtained what they considered a fair rate from the two steamship companies induced a third company to institute a service at considerably lower rates, but although the opposition boats were well supported at first the order lines at length succeeded in driving them off by making temporary reductions in their own charges. If the shippers had been more firmly united in their policy and had taken rather longer views they could no doubt have preserved the competitive element in the service indefinitely. Perhaps now that the calico printer have combined their business under a common board of directors they will be able to deal with the freight question more successfully.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board have deposited a copy of a bill which will be introduced into Parliament next session to empower the Board to construct, within the next 25 years, a river wall from a point near Rock Ferry Slip to the entrance to the Tranmere Graving Dock, which is intended to enclose the foreshore of the river Mersey at Tranmere. Provision is also made in the bill for the repeal of the powers granted in 1858 with reference to the removal of vessels from one part of a dock to anoher and with reference to the removal of vessels laid up in dock. It is sought to obtain powers of a more stringent character dealing with the same matters in order to prevent, as stated in the preamble, "the docks of the Board from becoming unduly encumbered and overcrowded, so that proper accommodation cannot be provided for vessels resorting to the docks for trading purposes." The additional borrowing powers proposed to be exercised under this bill are not to exceed £300,000.

A very considerable increase is about to take place in the production of sugar in Roumania as a consequence of the tariff protection and the direct bounty given by the State. In addition to the import duty of 1 5-8d. per pound on foreign sugar, a grant of nearly 3-4d. per pound has since 1895 been assured for fifteen years to the proprietors of all refineries, calculated on the amount of their production. Under the stimulus of the bounty law of 1896 and of a previous tenttaive one passed in 1882 three important renfineries have been for some time established—one near Burcharest by a Roumanian; another at Sasent, in Moldavia, by a Vienna banker; and a third by a company with a capital of £120,000. More recently an association of Greek bankers has set up sugar works at Mareschi, in Moldavia, with a like capital. Finally, a new company has recently been formed by a Belgian group, headed by the Tirlemont Sugar Refiners' Association, Belgium, and M. Joseph Allard, of Brussels, which, with a capital of £360,000, will take over the works at Sasent and will build a large establishment at Roman, in Moldavia. It is understood that when this addition to the producing capacity of Roumania is completed, the quantity of sugar manufactured at home will do away with the necessity of importing from abroad. In 1898 the total amount of the imports was nearly 36,000,000lb., more than three-fourths of which came from Austria and the rest from Belgium and France. It is anticipated that before very long Roumania will become an exporter of sugar.

The capacity of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines to meet the constantly-growing requirements of the United States for tropical products, and the markets which they can supply for her farm productions and manufactures in exchange therefor are attracting renewed attention with the re-assembling of Congress. The annual importations of tropical products into the United States amount on an average to fully 50 millions sterling, and are composed of raw materials required by manufacturers of foodstuffs. The most important items in the fiscal year 1899 were sugar, £19,000,000; coffee, £11,000,000; rubber, £6,400,000; fibres, £4,000,000; tropical fruits and nuts, £3,600,000; tropical gums, drugs, and dye-woods, £4,000,000; tobacco and manufactures, £2,400,000; cacao, chocolate, &c., £1,000,000; spices, £500,000; cabinet woods, £400,000; and cork and manufactures of, £300,000. Most of these articles are produced in greater or less degree in the islands in question and form a share in the importations from them. Sugar, coffee, and tropical fruits, as is well known, are the principal productions of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Hawaiian islands, while these items with hemp added form the chief exports of the Philippines, hemp alone forming the largest item of America's present importations from those islands. The great interest in these figures for Great Britain is in regard to the question as to how far the United States will now be able to supply her wants from her own possessions to the disadvantage of ours.

Speaking at the Liverpool Exchange News Room recently, the Chinese Ambassador remarked that there were now two highways connecting the Far East with the Far West. One was through the Suez Canal and the other was through the gate of Liverpool by the Canadian-Pacific line. Through that gate they could save two or three days in comparison with the Canal journey, and he had no doubt that they were trying to still further increase the speed of their liners, which were floating towns, and to still further shorten the journey. They would thus bring two Empires—one the greatest, most powerful, and prosperous of the Western Empires, and the other the most ancient Empire in the East—more closely together. Liverpool was a household word in China. It was just as well known in China as London itself, and he could scarcely realise the magnitude of their commercial importance without paying a visit to that Exchange. His industrial tour throughout the kingdom had, he said, the object of bringing the producers and the consumers more closely together, and he hoped that his effort would enlist their sympathy and support. With his excellency's sentiments we are in cordial agreement, but it is curious to note the confusion of terms in his reference to the Far East and Far West. Presumably he meant by Far West this country, for otherwise his reference to the Suez Canal and the Canadian-Pacific would be obviously inappropriate; that is to say, speaking from the British point of view, he alluded to China correctly as the Far East, but, curiously enough, in the next breath, probably from force of habit, referred to Great Britain in terms appropriate only in the Far East. As a matter of fact, of course, there comes a point when Mr. Kipling's dictum that "East is East and West is West" breaks down, and East becomes West, and West East, according to which way you like to regard it. In this country, we usually allude to the West coast of America as the Far West as being furthest West of any territory save some unimportant islands on this side of the meridian where West becomes East.

THE LATE MR. J. W. ORR.

As intimated by our London correspondent, Mr. J. W. Orr, formerly Prothonotary and Ecclesiastical Registrar of the Bombay High Court, died on Christmas Day at Eversdon near Dublin, in the sixty-first year of his age. Mr. Orr's service extended over thirty-eight years at the date of his retirement on the 13th June 1898. He was an M. A., Dublin, and a barrister-at-law, and joined the service in May 1860 as clerk to his uncle, Sir M. R. Sausse, then Chief Justice of Bombay. Shortly after his arrival in this country, Mr. Orr was appointed to act as clerk of the Insolvent Court in place of Mr. Mackenzie, who fell ill, in addition to his own duties as clerk to the Chief Justice. At a subsequent period, he acted as Clerk of the Crown also in addition to his own duties. In March 1862, Mr. Orr officiated for Mr. Spencer Compton as Prothonotary and Ecclesiastical and Admiralty Registrar, and from February 1863, held the dual appointment of clerk to the Chief Justice and Commissioner for taking Affidavits, and Sealer of the Court. After acting as Prothonotary and Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in November 1865, he was in February of the following year confirmed in the office, still retaining the post of clerk to the Chief Justice. In his capacity as Prothonotary and Ecclesiastical and Admiralty Registrar, Mr. Orr rendered valuable service and increased the Government revenue. In this connection his services obtained willing recognition on various occasions from successive Chief Justices. On the abolition of the old Supreme Court in 1862, and the constitution of the High Court in the time of Sir Richard Couch, Mr. Orr rendered able and zealous service in organising and superintending the new establishments, the formation of which was rendered necessary by the change in procedure and practice. His conscientious labours as Ecclesiastical Registrar were rewarded by a considerable increase in the probate duty levied by the court. On the death of Mr. J. Flynn, Chief Translator and Interpreter of the High Court, Mr. Orr voluntarily undertook the duty of re-organising the department and was the means of adding materially to the Government revenue. He left Bombay at the commencement of the vacation at the end of April, 1898, hoping to return in the last week of the recess, but an attack of bronchitis following on fever, on his arrival at home, compelled him to send in his application for retirement.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the members took place at the Society's rooms yesterday, the 16th instant, Dr. D. MacDonald presiding.

New Members.—The election of the following new members was announced:—Capt. F. R. E. Loch, I.S.C. (Bombay); Mr. H. S. H. Pilkington (Bombay); Lieut. J. Stewart (Lucknow); Mr. D. E. W. Leighton (Madras); Mr. E. S. Mumford (Burmah); Mr. D. Hardinge (Burmah); Dr. Cuthbert Christy (Bombay); Dr. A. M. Elliott (Bombay); Mr. C. W. Allan, I. F. S. (Burmah); Mr J S Scot, I. C. S. (Cuddapah); Lieut. A H E Mosse, I S C (Mhow); Lieut E R Wetherall (Jalna); Major F V Whittall (Jalna); Dr T H Aquino (Bombay); Mr S G Veliuker (Bombay); Mr D O Witt, I F S (Damoh, C P); Captain E C Ogilvie, R.E. (Quetta); Major H. Lestock Reid (Rangoon); Mr. John H. Lace I F S, F L S (Dalhousie); Mr. M V Woods, C E (Haflong, Assam); Mr G O Ranger (Calcutta); Mr A Dunbar-Brander, I F S (Jubbulpore); Lieut, T D Broughton, R E (Rangoon); Mr H Gill (Bombay); The Mess President, Officers, Mess, Q O Corps of Guides (Mardan); Mr Merwanjee P Talati (Bombay); Colonel R H Kellie (Deolali); Major J M Jones, R A M C (Deolali); Colonel H E Fox (Dharwar); and Captain George Lamb, I M S (Bombay).

CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUSEUM.

Mr. H M Phipson, the Honorary Secretary, acknowledged receipt of the following contributions to the Society's Museum:—

Contribution.	Description.	Contributor.
1 Cobra (alive)	Naia tripudians	Mr W F Jardine
1 Green Tree Viper (alive)	Trimeresurus Gramineus	Mr Paul Girhardt
2 Young Porcupines (alive)	Hystrix leucura	Mr H Bulkley
Gold-fish from China	.....	Lieut Fitzroy, P and O s s Pekin
1 Painted Stork	Pseudotantalus leucocephalus	Mr Paul Girhardt
A number of Scorpions and Spiders	.....	Col H J W Barrow R A M C
2 Bar-tailed Cuckoo Doves	Macropygia tusalia	Lieut W G Nisbett
A number of Butterflies	.....	Do
1 Pin-tail Duck (an Albino)	Dafila acuta	Col W B Ferris
1 Python (alive)	Python molurus	Mr J Brand
2 Skins and 1 Egg of the Andamanese Banded Rail	Hypotaenidia obscurior	Major H C Hudson, I M S
2 Eggs of the Blue-breasted Banded Rail	Hypotaenidia striata	Do
A collection of Moths	.....	Mr Paul Girhardt
2 Chameleon (alive)..	Chamaeleon calcaratus	Mr C Merrony
1 Tuckto Gecko (alive)	Gecko verticillatus...	Lieut N Wilson, R I M
1 Spotted Eagle	Spizaetus nepalensis	Mr C Donald
1 Crested Serpent-Eagle	Spilornis cheela	Do
1 Chameleons (alive)	Chamaeleon calcaratus	Mr C P George
1 Night-Jar (alive) ..	Caprimulgus asiaticus	Mr S D Navalkar
1 Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone paradisi	Mr W Plunket
1 Orange Minivet ...	Pericrocotus flammeus	Do
1 Small Minivet	Pericrocotus peregrinus	Do
1 Indian Bush-Chat.	Pratincola maura ...	Do
1 Purple Honey-sucker	Arachnechthra asiatica	Do
1 Racket-tailed Drongo	Dissemurus paradiseus	Do
2 Palm Civets (alive)	Paradoxurus niger..	Mr T B Fry
1 Do do	Do	Mr S Armstrong
1 Dobsons Wrinkle-Lipped Bat	Nyctinomus tragatus	Mr A Lowrie
1 Marbled Teal	Marmaronetta angustirostris	Mr H C Wright
1 Night-Jar	Caprimulgus mahrattensis	Mr J Brand
1 White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens	Do
Fresh Water Shells.	......	Mr A M Simcer, I C S
Do	......	Mr F J Ede
1 Pintail Green Pigeon	Sphenocercus apicicauda	Lt W G Nisbett
1 Phoorsa	Echis carinata........	Capt F W Townsend
1 Night-Jar	Caprimulgus asiaticus	Mr J G Counsell
1 Wild Cat (alive) ...	Felis chaus	Dr S G Ranaday
2 White-faced Stiff-tailed Ducks	Erismatura leucocephala	Capt C D Lester
1 White eyed Tit ...	Zosterops palpebrosa	Mrs L Burns
1 Grey Hornbill	Ocyceros birostris	Mrs Duff
1 White-breasted Water-Hen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	Lieut Fitzroy P & O s s Pekin
1 Chinese Rail.......	.....	Do
1 Water Cock	Gallicrex cinerea	Do
1 Oyster Catcher....	Haematopus ostralegus	Mr J D Inverarity

Minor Contributions from Mrs. Bourdillon, Mr. G. W. Taylor, Mr. Littlewood, Mr. A. Spilling, Mr. F. G. Hutchinson, Mr. G. H. Laxton, Mr. J. Stiven, Mr. W. F. Jardine. Mrs. Hawks. Mr. W. Brady, Mr. R. V. Marathe, and Mr. E. W. Beveridge

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The Student's Flora of New Zealand by Thomas Kirk	From the author.
A Hand-list of the Genera and Species of Birds. Vol. I. (Bowdler Sharpe)	From the author.
Catalogue of the Lepidoptera (Phalaenae) in the British Museum	In exchange.
The Fishes of North and Middle America (Jordon, Evermann), Vols II. and III............	In exchange.
The Geology of Baroda State, by R. Bruce Foote	From the author.
Memoirs of the Geological Survey of Indian, Vol I Part II	In exchange,
Annuaire du Musee Zoologique de St Petersbourg 1899 Nos 1 and 2 ...	In exchange.

Major H G C Swayne, R E, exhibited a black bucks' horn, which was struck obliquely by a bullet, about half way up and torn completely off the core. The animal was so stunned that it was unable to move, and remained for some time standing on the spot.

Colonel T Freeman exhibited the larvae of a beetle which attacks the wild almond trees (*Prunus eburnea*) on the hills round Ziarat, 40 miles north-east of Quetta, 8,000 feet above the sea. A specimen of the beautiful gum exuded by this tree was also shown.

PAPERS READ.

The following papers were read and discussed:—(1) Description of two new lizards from Selangor, by G. A. Boulenger, F.R.S.; (2) the Coccidae of Ceylon, by E. Ernest Green, F.E.S.; (3) yak shooting in Thibet by Edgar Phelps; (4) notes on Somaliland by Captain P. Z. Cox; (5) fishing in Indian waters, Part V., by F. O. Gadsden, R.I.M.; (6) hints to beginners on collecting specimens of Natural History, Part 1, by E. Comber; (7) geographical races of the Banting, the "Sapi" of the Malay Peninsula, by A. L. Butler, F.Z.S.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

(a) Account of a remarkable swarming, for breeding purposes, of the wasp, "Sphex umbrosus," &c. by Col. C T Bingham, IFS.; (b) a variety of the common Myna, by C M Inglis; (c) note on the web-spinning habits of the red ant, by E Ernest Green; (d) notes on the habits of some Indian bats, by E H Aitken; (e) occurrence of the white-faced stiff-tail duck at Mardan by Capt. A J. Macnab, IMS.; (f) a wild dog's earth, by J D Inverarity; (g) "Vespertilio pachylus"—A correction, by R C. Wroughton, IFS.; (h) kingfishers killing birds, by W F Biscoe,

ACCOUNTS FOR 1899.

Capt. A. J. Peile R. A., the Honorary Treasurer submitted the accounts for the year ending 31st December 1899, showing a cash balance at credit of Rs. 851-3 besides Rs. 4,800 invested in Government Paper.

It was resolved that the accounts be passed subject to the usual audit.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The President, Vice President and Members of the Managing Committee for 1899, were elected for the present year.

DEATH OF THE HEAD PRIEST OF ZANZIBAR.

THE death of Dustoor Bhicaji Pallonji, the Head Priest of Parsees of this place, occurred at Zanzibar on the 13th inst. The late Dustoor came out to Zanzibar about 15 years ago from his native country, Udvada, a place situated on the sea coast about 100 miles north of Bombay. To that place Parsees of India make pilgrimage every year to pay respect to their most ancient and first Fire Temple, established about more than twelve and a half centuries ago, since they came to India from Persia. He was very popular amongst his co-religionists owing to his mild and amiable disposition. He used to do charities always in secrecy which was known after his death. His funeral was largely attended by Parsees, and he was buried in the Parsee Cemetery in their shamba. Parsees of Zanzibar and of East Africa deeply feel the loss in his death.

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THE Shereefian forces have of late been busy Towards the end of last month they were occupied in "eating up" the rebellious tribe of the Mesfiwa, some miles to the east of Morocco city. As a proof of his victory the Sultan sent 50 heads of his prisoners to Fez. These were hung up over one of the principal gates of the town, and inspired a considerable amount of awe among the townspeople. Another expedition left Fez on December 11, to join a body of regulars sent by the Sultan from Morocco city to inflict punishment on the tribe of Sheraga, who are in revolt against their Governor.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.

NEW PLEADERS.

THE result of the second examination for the degree of LL. B., was declared yesterday afternoon at the University. Out of 265 candidates, 96 were declared to have passed the test: one in the first division and the rest in the second division. The following are the names of the successful candidates:—

FIRST DIVISION.—Chitre, A Anant.

SECOND DIVISION.

Advani, C Thakurdas
Advani, H Santokram
Ankiesaria, D Ardeshir
Bapat, S Vaman
Bapat, V Krishna
Barahia, V Dahyabhai
Bhide, D Keshav
Bhudhargadkar, S Ramchandra
Birdy, R Mehervanji
Buch, D Vajeram
Buch, G Dulerai
Chandorkar, G Kashinath
Chhaya, I Jeyshankar
Chhaya, S Krishnaji
Chitre, T Damodar
Coutinho, L S
Dadyburjor, K Hormasji
Dave, H Bhanushanker
Desai, A Govindji
Desai, D Kalianji
Desai, K Venkoba
Desai, K Lallubhai
Deshpande, V Ganesh
Dholakia, S Navalshankar
Divan, C Vajubhai
Doshi, P Liladhar
Doshi, V Lakshmichand
Fernandez A John
Garde, M Balvant
Gidvani, B Wadhumal
Godbole, N Ramchandra
Gokarna, S Mahabal
Gokhale, V Govind
Gosalia, H Nimchand
Gupte, D Martand
Gutikar, V Ramrao
Hinglokewala, A Baldeodas
Jatkar, K Hanmant
Joshi, N Ramchandra
Joshi, N Ganprasad
Joshi, S Vaman
Kalyanpurkar, S Venkatesh
Kamath, M Babanna
Katti, A Kattacharya
Khambata, J Dohasai
Kini M Ananth U
Kolatkar, D Krishna
Kord, L Bapuji
Kothari, D Ratanji
Kuber, A Mahadev
Kulkarni, D Vithal
Lala M Gianchand
Lalkaka, A Dhanjishaw
Mande, S Bhaya
Master, D Dadabhoy
Master, N Tribhuvandas
Mehta, A Talekshi
Mehta, D Sakerlal
Mehta, L Pitambardas
Mehta, M Lallubhai
Mehta, M Pitambardas
Mehta, N Karpurram
Nadkarni, M Kamalaji
Nariman, S Byramji
Nathani, N Shariff
Pandit, K Ghanashyam
Pandya, R Dayaram
Paralkar, L Vinayak
Pardivalla J Hormasji
Parkhe, S Vishvanath
Parneria, P Abheram
Pavate, S Dundappa
Purveyor, P Burjorji
Ranibennur, B S
Samant, J Atmaram
Samant, P Narayan
Sane, G Bhaskar
Sathaye, P Vinayek
Sathe, R Abaji
Shah, J Vallabhji
Shah, J Karamchand
Shah, M Gokuldas
Sheshachar, C
Sheth, M Bhukhandas
Shukla, L Kachra
Soman, R Ganesh
Thacker, D Jethabhai
Tipnis, L Balkrishna
Tirumalachar, B
Trivedi, M Rajaram
Tyabji, M M Kazim K
Vachha, F Manekji
Vartak, V Narayan
Vasavada, M Mathurdas
Wadia, K Navroji

The Judge Spencer Prize, of the value of Rs. 150, has been awarded to Atmaram Anant Chitre, the only successful candidate in the first division, for securing the highest number of marks. Narayan Ramchandra Godbole has obtained the Arnould Scholarship of the value of Rs. 17 per month, tenable for one year for passing the examination with the highest number of marks in the paper of Succession and Family Rights.

THANA NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THANA, JAN. 15.

MR. R. J. LORD, Acting Sessions Judge of Thana, will, it is said, be appointed as an Under-Secretary to Government, Bombay, shortly. Mr. G. Monteath, Assistant Collector, has been appointed a member of the District Local Board, Thana. Mr. Barjorji Fardunji Dalal has been appointed Abkari Inspector at Dhanoo in the Thana District, from the 8th instant.

Out of the eight students of the Byramji Jeejibhoy Thana High School, who appeared for the School Final Examination held at Bombay in November last, the following had passed the examination:—Krishnaji Moreshvar Abhainkar, Ramchandra Mahadev Dongre, Ganesh Vasudev Ghanekar, Krishnaji Hari Moghe, Bhagvant Vinayak Navalkar, and Ganesh Mahadev Patvardhan. It reflects credit upon Rao Saheb Baji Narayan Nabar, B.A., Head Master of the High School, for the success of his students.

On Thursday evening last Rao Bahadur Ramchandra Trimbak Acharya of Thana gave an entertainment in his divankhana on the Bombay Road, in honour of Rao Saheb Raghavendra Ramchandra Gangoli, Special Subordinate Judge of this station, on the eve of his departure to Khed, in the Poona District, where he has lately been transferred. There were several native officers, pleaders, vakils and leading citizens of Thana present to bid farewell to Rao Saheb R. R. Gangoli.

It is stated that Mahim Taluka in this district does not ordinarily deal in food grains, the local produce being sufficient, but owing to the failure of the rice crops last year, it imported during the last three months 16,000 maunds of Rangoon rice from Bombay. This quantity was considered sufficient to last for some time. Dhanoo imported 10,000 maunds of rice from Bombay during the same period. The operations of two test works in the Dhanoo and Umargaon Talukas are being carried out, and they will shortly be completed in the Thana District.

A small Brahmin girl, belonging to Rao Saheb Anna Ramchandra Pethe, B. A., Mamlatdar of Thana, was stripped of her thusi ornament, worth Rs. 50, from her neck by a Bhamta (pick-pocket) while the members of the house were engaged in performing Til-Sankrant ceremony in the Mamlatdar's Divankhana, Bazaar Peith Street, on Saturday last.

It is stated that several plague cases have lately taken place at Bassein, in the Thana District. Mr. Bajaba Vartak, one of the leading citizens of Bassein, his wife and brother were the victims of this malady during the previous fortnight.

Seven births (three males and four females) and thirty-two deaths (including five deaths from plague) were registered in the town of Thana during the past week. The thermometer readings ranged from 66 to 90 degrees in the shade at Thana yesterday.

NAGPUR NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NAGPUR, JAN. 15.

THE weather of late has been very cloudy, unpleasant and chilly. It has brought with it untold of sickness, influenza, coughs and colds, and fever; our enemy, the plague, does not seem to leave us, it is coming nearer and nearer to the civil station; Sitabaldi with its fort within the military area the plague has made its appearance, and the soldiers living in the fort are put out of bounds. The mortality in the city from plague, though not alarming, is still sufficiently large enough for a city like Nagpur. The following are the plague figures between the 6th and 12th instant, both days inclusive:—

	Attacks.	Deaths.	Suspicious
6th Jan.	6	5	5
7th ,, ...	3	3	3
8th ,, ...	16	15	5
9th ,, ...	2	1	5
10th ,, ...	7	6	1
11th ,, ...	4	4	3
12th ,, ...	13	10	1
Total............	51	43	23

The mortality returns from the Health Officer's report show that the total number of deaths registered in Nagpur during the week ending 6th January, 1900, was 158 against 122 and 106 in the two preceding weeks, and higher than the corresponding week of the last year by 104. The mortality from plague, fevers and bowel complaints amounted to 29, 38, and 19 respectively, against 10, 23, and 10 in the preceding week. The general death-rate of the week was 70·4 per mille per annum against 43·6 the mean of the last three years. The total number of births registered was 94. The ratio of births was 41·9 per mille per annum. Mr. F. W. Dillon, one of the leading barristers and the Government Advocate of Nagpur, on behalf of the Bar, paid a fitting tribute to the memory of their late colleague Mr. J. A. Fraser, he rose and said on Monday last when the Judicial Commissioner had taken his seat in the Court,. Your Honour,—We have learned with the deepest consternation and regret of the death of Mr. Fraser, who was the senior member of this Bar and president of our association. Mr. Fraser was kind-hearted possessed tact and his mental calibre was undoubtedly great. He was the leader of the Central Provinces Bar, and was moreover a widely read lawyer. Mr. Stanley Ismay, the Judicial Commissioner, replied in most appropriate terms.

The Postal Audit Office employ a very large number of Bengali clerks, which has had the effect of sending up the house valuation in Nagpur. The demand for various eatables has also proportionately gone up. The four fs.—flesh, fish, fowl and fodder, and not the least but the last water are also getting scarce. Last evening the clerk of the weather appeared to be favourably disposed towards us, and there was a small sprinkling of rain on and off between the hours of 10 and 12 p.m. I hear that between Dagaon and Talni and a few stations beyond Wardha lightning and thunder and rain well severe. Dr. Harris the former Civil Surgeon and at present Principal of the Medical College at Calcutta, who was here on a holiday trip during Christmas week, paid a visit to all his old friends, and did not forget the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Penny who has had to go to Calcutta on account of illness.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF A TRADEMARK.

AT Rangoon on Dec. 20 A. M. Bakir Khorasani of 270, Dalhousie St., appeared this morning to answer a charge of having infringed the trademark which is alleged to be the property of Messrs. Rigaud & Co., Paris, manufacturers and importers of scent.

Mr. Eddis appeared for the complainants, and Mr. Cowasjee for the defence.

Mr. Costello, inspector of police, said that he searched the accused's premises, No. 270, Dalhousie St., on November 19 in company with Mr. Frederic S. Mason, agent to the complainant firm, and found 24 boxes, containing 3 bottles each, bearing the mark of a Burmese woman in a thamine and wrapped up in yellow paper fastened with pink and white string and bearing the name of George Dralle, Hamburg one empty box, and 11 bottles exposed for sale (produced).

Mr. Frederic S. Mason agent in Rangoon to Messrs. Rigaud & Co., scent manufacturers, Paris, stated that he had been round the bazar to find out who had been selling these bottles. Those people had given witness and undertaking not to sell these bottles any more. Witness had informed accused that the bottles which he was selling bore a trademark, which was an infringement of Rigaud's. Accused told witness that he did not care and should go on selling.

Mr. Eddis pointed out that from corespondence received from home, the sale of Rigaud's scents had suffered. Cross-examined by Mr. Cowasjee, witness said that he saw these packages first in accused's shop. He went to Abdul Kadir's office but did not see any packages there. He was shown his collection of samples but he did not see any of these boxes. Witness asked him if he had imported any of these scents bearing the counterfeit mark, and he did not get any clear answer, but Abdool Kadir promised not to import any more. As far as he could understand through an interpreter accused refused to discontinue selling these bottles.

Mr. Salvador said that he went round to accused's shop with Mr. Mason. Mr. Mason bought a bottle of scent, called *kadow*, or musk, Mr. Mason showed accused the trademark and told him, through witness, that it was an imitation. Accused replied that the whole of the bazar was selling the same and, when offered and indent, added there was not much profit in selling Rigaud's. Cross-examined, witness said that when he asked accused whether he was going to get any more of this scent out, he said he would not indent for any more. Re-examined, witness said that he did not think he told Mr. Mason that accused had promissed not to indent for any more. Accused did not say he would go on selling. He appeared to know Rigaud's scent.

A Bakir Khorasani of 270, Dalhousie St., (the accused) was then examined and admitted having sold Mr. Mason a bottle of scent, and that all of the packages of scent before the court were found in his shop. Mr. Mason asked him where he got these goods and he replied that he got them from Abdul Kader. He had seen the sample there and ordered them. Mr. Mason told him not to indent for any more and sell them. Mr. Mason asked him how much he had in stock and how much he had imported. Court:—Why do you sell goods so like Rigaud's?—I dit not know anything about the other (Rigaud's). Mr. Mason said, 'Don't indent for any more."

Rajab Ally, a trader in jewellery and perfumery, said he did a large business in the latter line. He remembered Rigaud's scent being introduced about 5 years ago. The first shipment came out to his firm (then named Fazilbhai). It was a favourite brand in the market and large quantities of it were sold both in Rangoon and up-country. The box of German scent might possibly be mistaken by purchasers for Rigaud's. Since this imitation started his firm had not been able to sell Rigaud's.

Mr. Eddis here applied for an adjournment to subpoena a witness who had purchased a box of scent bearing the alleged imitation mark, since the institution of this case.

The accused was found guilty of selling goods with a counterfeit trademark and fined Rs. 200, to be paid to the complainant as compensation and the goods were forfeited under sec. 545 C. P. C.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE BURMAN PONY.

A LADY sends to a contemporary the following appreciation of the Burman pony, of whose value as a mount for infantry in a country like South Africa she is convinced:—

I am delighted to see that "the donkey in a horse-skin" is to be utilised for service at the seat of war. He is the very best piece of horseflesh for his inches in Asia, and over bad ground there is nothing to equal him. I went to Burma with very tall ideas in my head, that there was only one animal to gallop over broken ground, i. e., the Arab, and for all else the sure-footed country-bred. My first acquaintance with the Burman pony was my being asked to ride a little brown barrel just under twelve hands. My saddle, a particularly light one, looked like a 'howdah" on it and the great four inch pleats in the girths and loose hanging straps, looked like a case for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Society. It was just like mounting a "bike;" I sat on the saddle before putting my foot in the stirrup, and I felt sorry for the tiny thing I was taking out for a ride. I soon found though that it was not only carrying me with the utmost ease, but was taking me for a ride. The little brown barrel with its firm straight legs, good quarters and portmanteau like head, had absolutely no mouth. My husband riding 13 stone on a similar mount, contided to me that he, too, could merely guide his gee, not control it. We had a thirty mile ride before us, and, in spite of first impressions, soon learnt the value of our steeds. Firstly, eight miles of country road with cart tracks over a foot deep and only about three inches wide; into these the ponies dropped their tiny feet with perfect accuracy and cantered away gaily. I cannot say their paces resembled those of the proverbial arm-chair for before I had gone a mile, I discovered a new hinge in my back. Next came a couple of miles of round boulders and tufted grass over which we literally hopped with never a mistake or stumble. Then came that bugbear of a Burman country, a "choung" or morass with elephant grass 20 feet high, through which was a buffalo track four feet wide and girth deep in thick slush. In plunged our brave little gees, and I stared in wonder at the marvellous way my husband's pony carried him through it. It was a task for a 16-hand Waler, but the little Burman frisked up the bank on the far side as if nothing had happened. There we halted for a feed and to give our ponies a rest before facing the nineteen miles of hill climbing along a goat track, which were before us. The hills in Upper Burma have mere apologies for paths, as the Kachins do not trouble to do more than cut away the jungle over head and let the path form itself. For many months of the year it acts as a watercourse as well. We absolutely climbed up mile by mile; here and there our path ran through a "taungya" or clearing for growing Indian-corn and then over range after range of beautiful hills with pear trees in bloom and raspberry bushes yellow with fruit, poppy gardens growing round quaint Kachin homesteads and families of pigs and chickens flying from under our feet. The small and large streams were to my mind most nerve-shaking things to cross as a Kachin bridge consists of a few rough cut branches laid across shaky posts made of trees, and over all some grass. I hardly realised the danger till I found my pony stepping daintily over the airy structure, and only drew breath when I felt firm ground under me once more. The last and most wonderful feat we accomplished on these circus ponies was riding over a charm from 10 to 10 feet wide across which the Kachins had thrown a large tree, having shaved the upper side so as to make a foothold a couple of feet wide; over this for generations they and their pack bullocks and ponies had crossed and re-crossed to and from the great "Nara Poom," and over this, to our horror and yet credit, be it said, we trusted our gallant steeds to carry us. We covered 30 miles that day of as nasty going as anyone could wish for, or even Boerland will afford to the Burman tat and nothing could equal the pluck surefootedness and endurance of those small beasts. They will do such a march, unsaddle, roll and then dine off rank grass without flinching. So I think Government have done wisely in selecting them for South Africa. Having carried their heroes through "the heat and burden of the day" to the gates of Pretoria, I hope the little gees will then play polo on the Race Course, for 'tis a game they love and play well. I would add that as jumpers these little creatures are excellent, and I have many trophies now that my "barrel" on four legs won me.

TERRIBLE MINING EXPLOSION.

BENDIGO, Dec. 29.

A FEARFUL accident happened this afternoon at the Ulster mine, when two men, John Sherwood and George Shearer, were terribly injured, the latter so badly that his recovery is dispaired of.

The two men came on with the afternoon shift, and went to work in the north stopes above 900 feet level. The morning shift had fired out some holes, but one had not torn properly. The men cleaned out the hole and poured water into it afterwards, starting to beat. Sherwood was turning the drill and Shearer was using the hammer. He had only struck three blows when the explosion took place, Shearer receiving this full force of it. The lights were blown out, and as miners in the next stope came to their mates' assistance.

Both men were promptly taken to the surface and removed to the hospital, where it was found that Shearer was suffering from a compound comminuted fracture of the skull. His right eye had been blown out, while his left was irretrievably injured, and he had a terrible wound in his chest. Sherwood was more fortunate than his mate, but his injuries were bad. His left hand was blown off just above the wrist, thus necessitating amputation of the arm. His right arm was broken in two places, his eyes were badly burnt, and his face is pitted with gravel.—*Melbourne Age.*

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

BUSH FIRES IN AUSTRALIA.

BEECHWORTH, Dec. 31.

THE Beechworth district has within the last few days been visited with a calamity such as has never been known in its history. It was reported that bush fires were burning in the ranges near Wooragee, and also in the neighbourhood of Everton and the Woolshed, but no serious consequences were anticipated until Saturday last. On that morning vast volumes of smoke were seen rising in the direction of Wooragee, and about 10 o'clock a messenger road into the town with the news that the fire was sweeping through the homesteads there. The fire-bell was rung for volunteers, and about a hundred among whom were several of the local fire brigade, hastened out in drags and vehicles, and did invaluable service in saving property.

The wind blew a furious gale from the north, and the fire travelled so rapidly as to defy any attempts to subdue it. One sad fatality occurred in this neighbourhood. William Elliott, 15 years of age, the youngest son of a well-known resident, went out to a paddock two or three miles from the homestead to endeavour to let the cattle out, and nothing was seen of him until this morning, when his body was found terribly burned beside that of a bullock. The flames travelled across to the Chiltern-road, and thence to the north-eastern corner of Beechworth, where its progress was arrested. The damage done in this direction is not yet known, but to homesteads at least, those of John Brewer and David Murray, have been totally destroyed, and the loss in grass, cattle, and sheep is very great.

In the afternoon the gale increased, and veered round to the west, bringing with it the flames from the direction of Everton at the rate of about 15 miles and hour. Numbers of volunteers went out to Newtown which was threatened by the flames, burning leaves and other debris even falling in the centre of Beechworth. The town was enveloped in smoke, and as the heat was almost in-supportable, business was entirely suspended. The fire-bell was rung at intervals, and the fire apparatus was kept in instant readiness. The fire swept rapidly up the Melbourne-road, in its progress destroying the house and property of Messrs. Garbellini, Londrigan, Price, sen., Powell, Kennedy, Molloy, and others, along with the state school, which had not long been reopened. The fire quickly arrived at the rear of Newtown, where it threatended to destroy the numerous private residences of the townspeople. Mr. Cunningham's house, with its contents, was totally destroyed, and it was only by the vigorous efforts of a body of volunteers that Messrs. Zwar Brothers extensive tannery works were saved. The flames swept through the slaughter-yard of Mr. J. Blackwell, destroying all the buildings and stores of hides and tallow.

Here another terrible fatality occurred. An aged couple named Ramsden—the man employed as an odd hand by Mr. Blackwell—were living in one of the outbuildins which were consumed, and the dead bodies of both were found in the afternoon not far from the hut, and burned almost beyond recognition. The bodies were removed to Beechworth. A man named White, living near the tannery, was seriously burned while endeavouring to rescue his deeds and other property, and is now lying in a precarious state at the Ovens District Hospital. Another man named Thompson, of the Black Spring, was also severely burned. Some idea of the nature of the fire may be gathered from the fact that rabbits and foxes, flying from the fire, ran headlong into the tannery and other buildings in Newtown. The town itself was considered in such imminent danger that several of the residents in Upper Ford-street removed their goods as hastily as they could. An alarm was given that the hospital was in danger, but a number of volunteers hastened to the grounds, and a hose being carried down the hill the danger was averted. The fire, however, crossed Spring Creek near this spot, and travelled along the range at the rear of the town, but only one house—Skidmore's—was burned in the outskirts of the town.

The damage done in the direction of Everton is lamentably great. At Bowman's Forest thousands of acres of grass and miles of fencing have been destroyed and Messrs. Rea Shannon and Sloan have lost everything the former, with his family having to take refuge in a dam all night to save their lives. Here, too, the loss of cattle and sheep has been severe. Culverts and bridges have been burned, involving a loss of some hundreds of pounds to the shire council. The wooden bridges on the railway line from Everton to Beechworth also caught fire and a train with workmen was kept hard at work extinguishing them. The fences on each side of the line were burned for miles, telegraph poles were destroyed, and communication by wire has been interrupted for an indefinite time. Full details of the losses caused by this disaster cannot be ascertained for a day or two, but it is certain that it will amount to some thousands of pounds. Some families are utterly ruined, not having saved even a change of clothing. So far as has been learned between 20 and 30 houses have been destroyed, three lives lost, and the loss of stock of various kinds must be enormous.

The town on Saturday night presented a very different aspect from that customary at Christmas time, and it is certain that this will be a mournful Christmas for many who a few days ago were in a state of comfort and prosperity. The wind died away towards night, and there was little chance of another outbreak, and the day has been fine and clear. During yesterday afternoon the thermometer reached 110deg. in the town, and the atmosphere resembled the blast from a furnace.

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MANY of the principal actors in the war in South Africa are connected with Ireland, the majority of whose inhabitants favour the cause of the enemy. Sir George White, Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, General French, and other officers are Irish born and Irish bred, but they are by no means what is called "racy of the soil," or anxious to boast of a Milesian or Celtic origin or descent. Into the crucible at the Cape we have tumbled the whole of our military system, and have called upon Militia and Volunteers and colonial Governments to help the Regular forces of the Crown which are found to be under present circumstances insufficient to dictate terms of peace at Pretoria and Bloemfontein.

The Royal Hospital at Dublin is a place of mourning. The death from the wound received on the 15th inst., of the Hon. F. H. S. Roberts has cast a deep gloom over the place. Gentle, unassuming, with a heart of gold, he was the friend of all. To the whole of the pensioners he was "Mister Freddy." Indifferent, and somewhat callous, perhaps, to death, these rugged old warriors sincerely grieve for the heroic young soldier who so gallantly tried to save the guns on the banks of the Tugela. Lord and Lady Roberts have the heartfelt sympathy of all. His lordship goes to South Africa with a great responsibility and a still greater load of sorrow. Before leaving Dublin he assembled the residents and pensioners in the great hall of the Royal Hospital to say farewell. He was accompained by his daughters, the Hon. Aileen and Edwina Roberts. Addressing those present he said, "I must say good-bye to you all. I must do it collectively. I shall not forget you when away, and I hope to return to you in due course." He then shook hands with the officials and some of the old soldiers. One of the veterans with great emotion said, "May God bless and prosper you, my Lord. We wish you a pleasant time and safe home again. God bless you and yours." These few pregnant sentences will be reciprocated by every loyal soldier of the Queen.

The decision to call on our Volunteers for active service marks an epoch in our military history. It will be perhaps the most important outcome of the war in a military sense. It may probably render any measure of conscription unnecessary. It has been felt by most thinking men that in the re-organisation of our military system which must infallibly follow this war, conscription, on perhaps some modified plan, must inevitably form part of any scheme of reform. We do not believe that conscription, if considered necessary, would be unpopular with the mass of our countrymen. The responsibilities that rest on our soldiers are greater than those borne by any of the armies of Europe, and the national existence is as dependent on the defence of the widely distant limits of our Empire as are those of any Continental Power in the protection of its own immediate frontier. Why then should Englishmen alone of all the nations be exempt from the honourable burden of bearing arms in defence of the Empire? But if our Volunteers can be depended on to supply troops for service abroad in an Imperial emergency, much of the necessity for conscription falls to the ground.

The "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at Arundel records some conspicuous acts of heroism during a reconnaissance on the 12th inst., of the enemy's position by Lieut. Collis:—"This young officer was in command of a patrol of six men. After examining a farmhouse, where they were told by the farmer that no Boers were near, the little force proceeded to reconnoitre the farm side, from which a line of kopjes ran up to the enemy's position. They had got within 800yd. of the latter when Boers on horseback were observed coming down. As the patrol moved away Pte. Ross's horse fell. Though the Boers were now within 300yd., Lieut. Collis and Sergt. Freeman galloped back to give him assistance. No sooner had Ross remounted than his horse was shot. Lieut. Collis again went back, and got him to mount behind on his own horse. The couple had ridden some 50yd. when the officer's horse was dropped by a bullet. Both then took to their heels. Pte. Dodson came back and insisted on Lieut. Collis getting up behind him. This he did, but finding when they had gone a short distance that the horse was unable to carry both, Lieut. Collis again dismounted. Pte. Dunn returned, and Lieut. Collis mounted behind him. As, however, the Boers rapidly gained on them, he dropped off and ordered Dunn to save himself. Sergeant Freeman, although by this time wounded galloped back to save his officer. Lieutenant Collis refused assistance, and directed the sergeant to make good his escape. Hardly had he turned away when rider and horse were shot. Finding that Sergeant Freeman was mortally wounded, Lieutenant Collis ran some 150yd. and then concealed himself in the scrub. The Boers came up and examined Sergeant Freeman as he lay on the ground. They fired several shots in the direction of Lieutenant Collis and then retreated. After walking four miles Lieutenant Collis came upon a patrol of the Inniskillings, and safely reached camp. These gallant deeds took place under a heavy fire at close range."

In order to satisfy the Budget Committee, which has dealt so harshly with his proposals, the French Minister of Marine has presented two distinct shipbuilding programmes, of which apparently the committee can take its choice. In both of them one of the large armoured cruisers, which was inserted to meet the original desire of the committee, has been struck out, while large increases are being made to the votes for carrying forward work upon the Henri IV.," the "Jeanne d'Arc," and the "Dupetit-Thouars." The second proposal would provide for the immediate laying down of two submarine boats at Cherbourg, and in order that the Henri IV. might not be further delayed would deduct a sum, from the vote proposed for engineering work at Cherbourg, while plans were prepared in readiness for the laying down of another armoured cruiser.

The French submersible boat Narval has been making, with success, her first trials at Cherbourg below water. It will be remembered that she is propelled upon the suface by an oil engine designed by M. Forrest, and that when she plunges her electric accumulators are brought into use. At Toulon the Goubet has also been under trial. Unlike the other boat she has been built as private speculation but is being tesed by the naval authorities. She remainad below water at the same depth for a period of five hours without the smallest inconvenience to her company of three men. Afterwards she navigated upon the surface passing through the lines of the reserve ships and plunged twice. On one occasion she remained half an hour below the surface and invisible, but was able herself at times to see what was taking place around her by means of her optic tube. The trials are to be continued.

In returning thanks for the Navy at the annual dinner of the British North Borneo Company, Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon remarked that the employment of bluejackets as infantry at the battle of Graspan was, he believed, a new thing in the history of the Navy. This impression should be corrected, for history tells us that there never has been a time when seamen were not landed to co-operate with soldiers in our wars. In recent years seamen have very frequently been landed with rifles, not merely in small expeditions against savages, but in the last Transvaal War and throughout the Zulu camapign. Whatever may be thought of the expediency of thus utilising highly-trained gunners, the fact is unquestionable that Graspan creates no precedent. Nearly 600 seamen were serving as infantry in the Zulu War, the brigade being made up from the "Boadicea, Active," and other ships on the Cape Station. Sir N. Salmon spoke very modestly and fittingly of the "few happy shots" fired by the naval contingent at Ladysmith, remarking that the part played by the Navy must not be allowed to detract in any way from the splendid defence of the town by the military.

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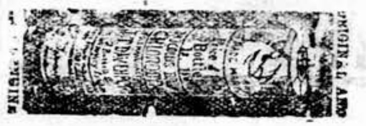

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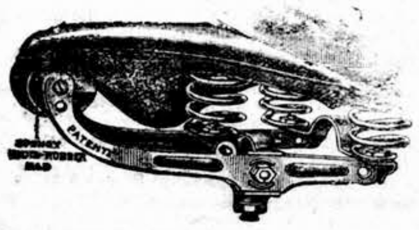

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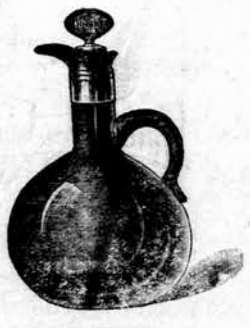

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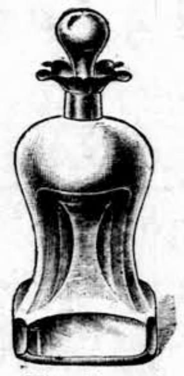

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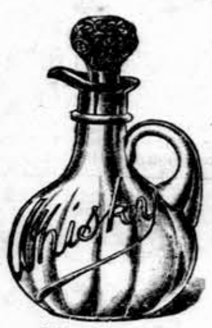

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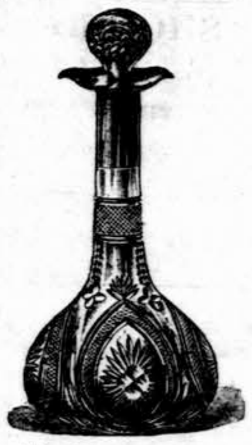

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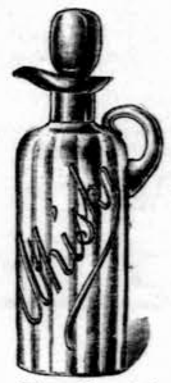

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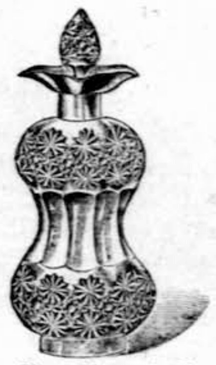

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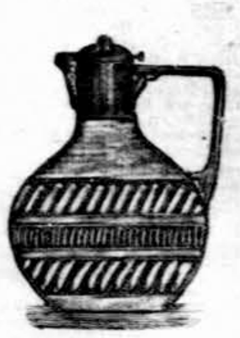

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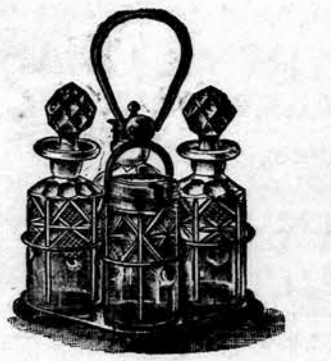

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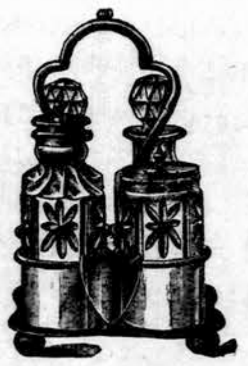

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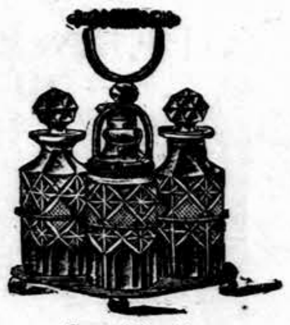

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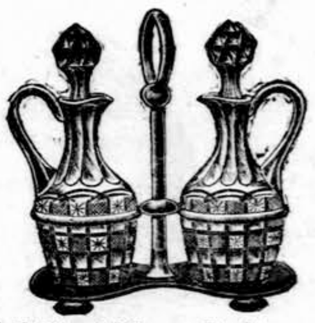

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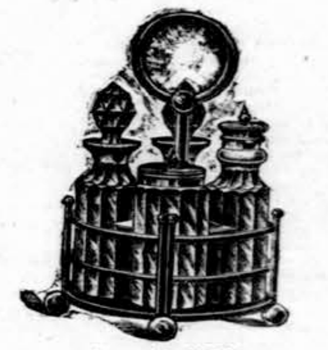

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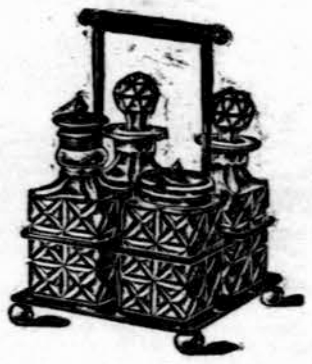

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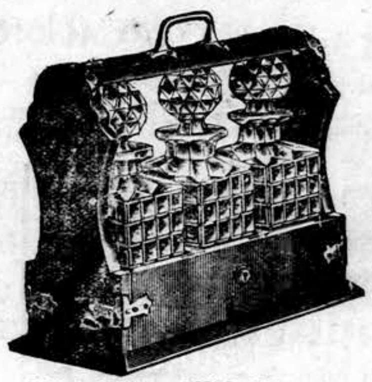

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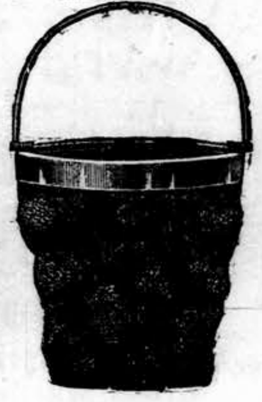

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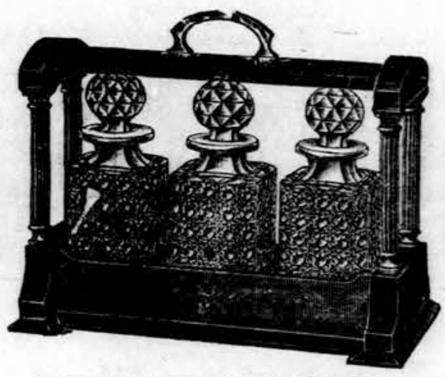

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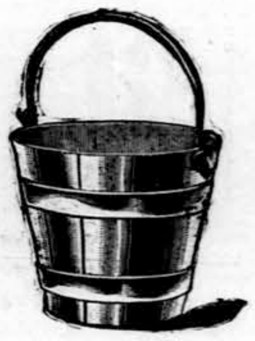

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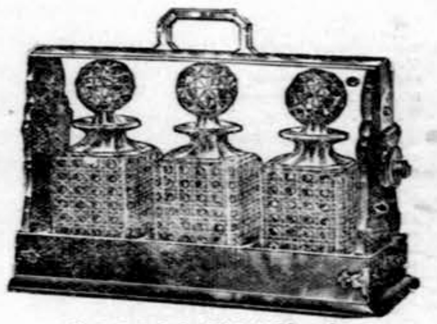

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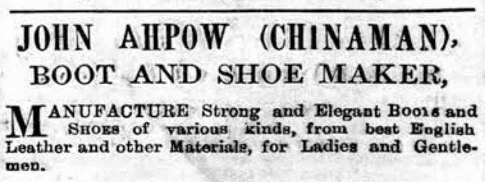

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